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U.S. Blamed For Dollar Crisis BITTER COMMENT BY THE ECONOMIST

London, Aug. 22.—Britain's leading weekly financial review, the Economist, in a bitter article today blamed the United States for the worldwide dollar crisis. "The fault for the crisis—if fault there must be—is far more America's than Britain's", the Economist said.

Declaring that convertibility of sterling had only lasted five weeks, the paper said that even at the time the United States loan was negotiated, most Britons had grave doubts about its provisions. "The loan was far too small when it was made, as the British pointed out at the time. The conditions attached to it were unworkable, as was also pointed out at the time," it stated.

Security Council Uproar

Lake Success, Aug. 22.—An uproar was caused in the Security Council Chamber tonight when, at the beginning of the session on the Egyptian case, a young bearded leading member of the Moslem Brotherhood, wearing a turbash, Mustafa Momen, jumped up in the public gallery seats and began to protest.

Mr. Momen shouted: "Mr. President, I come before you on behalf of all the people of the Middle East and on behalf of the Moslem Brotherhood.

"We demand that our case receive the justice which it deserves. Until then, thousands of people will die in a struggle for freedom."

Mr. Momen was forcibly ejected from the Security Council Chamber when he shouted his violent protest. He was waving papers in his hand and began to shout—"We demand freedom" when two guards wearing the United Nations blue uniform, accompanied by the Assistant Chief Security Officer, took Momen by the arms and hustled him from the Chamber.

Until he disappeared through his protest, he continued shouting his protest.

All members of the Security Council sat stunned, staring at the point where the struggling Momen's shouting and gesturing was causing the first violent demonstration in the history of the United Nations.

A throng of excited reporters followed Momen into the press room directly behind the Security Council Chamber.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Official Invitation

GOVERNMENT'S statement on housing released in Legislative Council on Thursday rates the sun as "sunshine in this rain-streaked summer"—more welcome now than later. It is a straightforward invitation to those who have building schemes tucked away, either in their minds or in blueprint form, to produce them for official consideration. Two large-scale building plans have so far received publicity. One is the Braga scheme, which aims to be non-profit making and run on co-operative lines; the other the Kadorelo plan which envisages 51 per cent ownership by Government. As they stand at this moment, there is another fundamental distinction between the two propositions: the Braga home-building scheme conceives the construction of bungalows; the Kadorelo plan, flats, up to six storeys. These differences, however, do not preclude either from accepting Government's invitation to submit schemes, and the fact that Government has not a deadline for technical and financial plans to be sent to the Director of Public Works can be read as an encouraging sign in that the authorities wish to help speed up the task of resolving the accommodation problem. While it is fairly safe to assume that both Mr Braga and Mr Kadorelo are in a position to submit detailed plans within six weeks, it is more important to be

assured that, given official approval, and the necessary financial support, they have the materials available to go ahead with building. So far this has only been implied in the public utterances made about any scheme, but it is a point on which potential home-builders or shareholders will wish to be satisfied. No serious quarrel will arise from Government's decision to offer building sites, by private treaty so long as any approved housing scheme meets public requirements. Nevertheless, Thursday's statement contained one important omission: Nothing was said about the status of leased sites after the original 20 years' lease expires. Is the lease subject to renewal? Does the property automatically revert to Government? Or does ownership pass to the lessee?

The point is pertinent because the valuable building sites are to be surrendered now at sacrifice prices, and then, after 20 years, become negotiable by the lessees. The degree of alienation will be unfair. It is not imagined that the proposed covenants for building schemes are fully embodied in Thursday's statement, but it must be made clear that the public would be critical of a situation which permitted cheap acquisition of land at this time from which, 20 years hence, would be derived substantial unearned profits at the expense of the community.

No import licences have been cancelled, however.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN ACTION

Canberra, Aug. 22.—It was officially announced today that Australia is to impose drastic cuts next week in imports of newsprint, films and many other commodities. Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Prime Minister, stated today that the Commonwealth Bank had been instructed to place "severe restrictions on dollar advances to travellers".

"On Monday, there will a full review by myself and Senator Benjamin Courtice, Minister of Trade and Customs, over the whole range of imports," he added.—Reuter.

A Government spokesman today described the deterioration in the British dollar position in the past few days as "stupendous" and appalling.

There had been a rush in Australia to purchase dollars, but the Government had issued instructions for a close scrutiny of all applications for import licences.

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cancelled, however.—Reuter.

Algeria's Future

Paris, Aug. 23.—The French Socialist split forces, in a division taken in the National Assembly on the question of Algeria's future last night, when 312 votes against 270, the Assembly decided to examine the Government's text of the draft Algerian statute as the basis of discussion.—Reuter.

ANTI-BRITISH RIOTS IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA

Cairo, Aug. 22.—Police opened fire when anti-British demonstrations broke out simultaneously in Cairo and Alexandria after noon prayers today.

In Cairo, 40 people, including 10 mounted policemen, were injured and many arrests were made. Sheikh Hassan El Bann, political and religious leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, who led the demonstration, was detained for questioning.

Members of the Moslem Brotherhood, who were said to have received permission from the authorities to hold the demonstration, were reinforced by religious students who marched through the street, chanting "Down with Britain" and brandishing clubs and wooden planks.

In Alexandria, a crowd of several hundred left a mosque and paraded through the streets, shouting "Down with negotiations", "Down with Britain", the United States, France, Belgium, China, Brazil and UNO. Long Live Nkrumah and the unity of the Nile Valley."

The demonstrators, uninhibited by the police, reached Ramleh station and there they were joined by others who "voiced" "serious threat". If Egypt did not get satisfaction at the United Nations,

Hussein Bey Kamel, the Egyptian representative on the Alexandria Stock Exchange, announced today that Egypt's "Independence Day" next Tuesday—the anniversary of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty signed on August 26, 1934—would no longer be considered a national holiday. All markets, banks and Government departments would be open as usual, he said.—Reuter.

HEAT RUINS CORN CROPS

Chicago, August 22.—The nation's corn crop is scorched by the worst drought in 11 years and no relief is in sight.

Temperatures were above 100° in Dakota and in the high nineties over most of the Mid-West. The Weather Bureau said, and predicted the heat would last at least through the weekend.

Crop conditions are so bad that one Indiana farmer hired a pilot to release carbon dioxide gas into the clouds in an effort to "manufacture" rain for his 700-acre field but only a sprinkling of moisture fell.

The Agriculture Department predicted the smallest corn crop since 1930 and feared the result would be used by farmers to feed animals would be needed for export. United Press.

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COUNTY CRICKET

Middlesex Hold On To Lead

Yorks' Narrow Win

London, Aug. 22.—Middlesex, who snatched the leadership in the County cricket championship table from Gloucestershire earlier this week, today defeated Derbyshire and thus remain at the head.

A great struggle also goes on between Lancashire and Kent for the third position.

The results of the games which ended today are:

At Dover: Kent beat Worcester by 135 runs. Kent 208 and 273. Worcester 139 and 207. Jenkins 68. Dovey four for 31.

At Northampton: Notts beat Northamptonshire by 230 runs. Notts 210 and 308 for five declared. Northants 158 and 223 (Bennett 68. Winrow five for 70).

At Leicester: Somerset beat Leicestershire by six wickets. Somerset 309 and 260 for four (Walford 81. Wattis 51. Mitchell-Innes 62). Leicestershire 454 and 120 (Meyer four for 39).

At Derby: Middlesex beat Derbyshire by 212 runs. Middlesex 253 and 333 for five declared (Brown 150 not out, Leslie Compton 107. Derbyshire 220 and 168 (Sims four for 35)).

At Leeds: Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by six runs. Yorks 314 and 175 for six declared (Sellers 55 not out). Warwickshire 229 and 254 (Taylor 68. Coxon four for 30).

At Eastbourne: Sussex drew with Essex. Essex 400. Sussex 248 and 477 for six (Cox 186. John Langridge 73. Parks 72. Bartlett 66).—Reuter.

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Run	Wickets
Middlesex	23	10	3	0	1	242
Kent	23	12	3	4	103	204
Lancs	23	11	1	1	148	148
Derby	23	10	4	0	120	120
Warwicks	23	10	5	0	146	146
Sussex	23	8	6	0	110	110
Glam	23	8	7	2	132	110
Sussex	24	8	11	1	104	104
York	24	8	9	1	100	100
Essex	24	6	9	1	122	100
Warwick	24	6	10	0	104	94
Notts	24	6	10	0	104	94
Leicester	24	6	10	0	104	94
Hampshire	24	6	10	0	104	94
Northants	24	6	10	0	104	94

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Brockline, Mass., Aug. 22.—Miss Louise Brough and Miss Margaret Osborn, defending their title, reached the final of the women's event in the United States doubles tennis championships here today.

They needed only 25 minutes to beat Miss Shirley Fry and Miss Barbara Krace, of the United States, by 6-1, 6-0 in the semi-final.—Reuter.

Favourite Beaten

Goodwood, Aug. 23.—Marcel Boussac's two-year-old, old Hoydu, making its English debut ran second to Prince Aly Khan's Aminal in the six furlong Earl of March Two Year Old stakes with £1,000 added at Goodwood on Friday.

Lieutenant-General John Hodge, United States Commander in South Korea, said that 100 people, both leftists and rightists, were still under arrest. Documentary evidence showed a widespread plan of a "revolutionary nature."

General Hodge expressed surprise that the Soviet should accuse the Americans of hindering the work of the joint committee "when many of the persons picked up have been constantly hampering the South Korean Government and directions from North Korea (Soviet zone) have been tied up with the activities of the organisations to which some of these people belong."—Reuter.

Heraculus, ridden by Charlie Elliott, a hot 4 to 1 favourite, was beaten by a head by the winner, ridden by Britain's champion jockey, Gordon Richards.

Miss Dorothy Page's Aldborough was third.—Associated Press.

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FILM FAN FARE

BOGART OR BACON

by Patrick Kirwan



Pretty Audrey Young, a Paramount Starlet, displays the latest thing in Hollywood bathing suits. She is being groomed by her studio for big parts in films.

London. I SAW a very good American film and thoroughly enjoyed myself, but as I left the theatre I was confronted by the menacing words, "We work or we want," streaming across the length of a bombed site. We must work to get dollars. Dollars to buy food and raw materials. But we must also pay dollars for our day-dreams, for the films that give the city-dweller the light and movement, the dramatic action and escape from ugliness that nature alone provides free of charge.

Each year the British cinema-goer pays £20,000,000 for the pleasure of watching Hollywood films. It is a large amount for a people taxed almost beyond endurance and who must bear vast burdens of debt accumulated on the behalf of others. And unless there is some reciprocity in the exchange of films between ourselves and America, it may be that, as with cigarettes and tobacco, we shall have to practise some self-denial. It is a case of Bogart or bacon!

The Hollywood magnates are well aware of the danger, and lately there has been no little publicity given to the popularity of British films with American audiences, and of the vast probabilities of profits to be made there. It is stated that this year will see British pictures recoup from America at least £6,000,000 of the £20,000,000 paid to Hollywood.

FAIR PLAY NEEDED

THIS, on the face of it, would seem fair enough when the size of the two industries are compared, but when the distribution and exploitation costs are deducted the £6,000,000 will have shrunk to less than a million—a pretty poor exchange.

As a fact, with its present opportunities of access to American audiences no British film can take more than £50,000 in America, a tithe of its costs, and of little help in the export drive.

British films are booming. Their quality as entertainment, technical excellence and artistic integrity are recognised wherever they are shown in the world.

As an export they could not only show the British way of life, but help most considerably to redress the adverse trade balances.

But, to play its part, the industry must be given fair play, at home and abroad. In America, the British film must be given reasonable access to the masses, and not "readily available" or tucked away in obscure high-brow cinemas.

At home the industry must be given every facility to increase its output and satisfy the growing demand. Studio space and equipment are hampering British production at less than one-tenth that of Hollywood.

It would seem of small use for the vast Bank organisation to buy chains of cinemas throughout the world if they are still dependent on Hollywood for 80 percent of their films.

The talent, enthusiasm, and experience are all available. Given space for expansion, the film industry would work as never before, and lend a very willing hand in banishing the gloomy posters that tell us how perilously near we are to want.

FROM SUICIDE TO SUCCESS



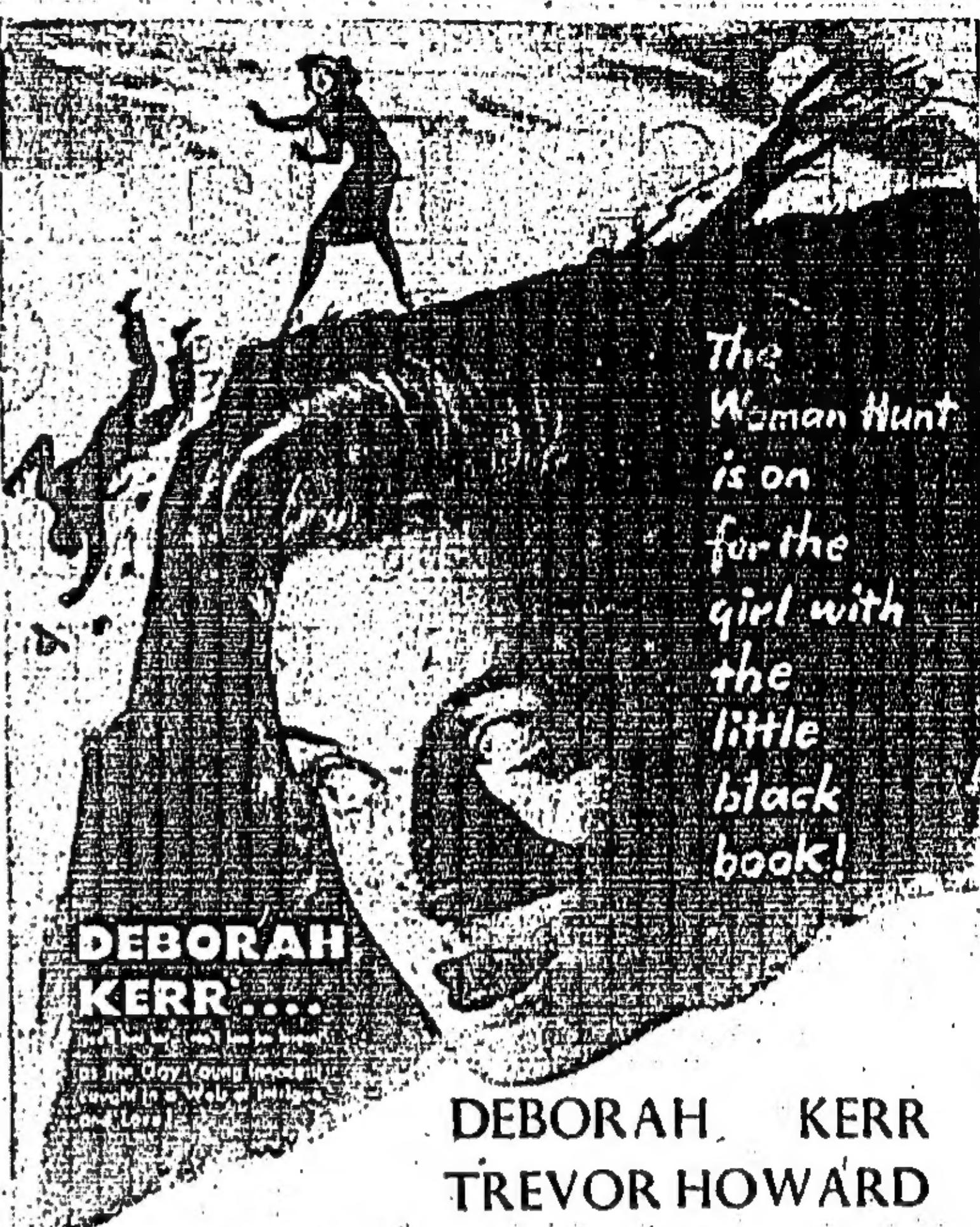
JOAN CRAWFORD, who has a powerful part in "Mildred Pierce," now at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, won an Academy Award for her acting in the picture. Above she is seen with Zachary Scott, who plays a good-for-nothing that nearly causes ruin for her and her daughter.

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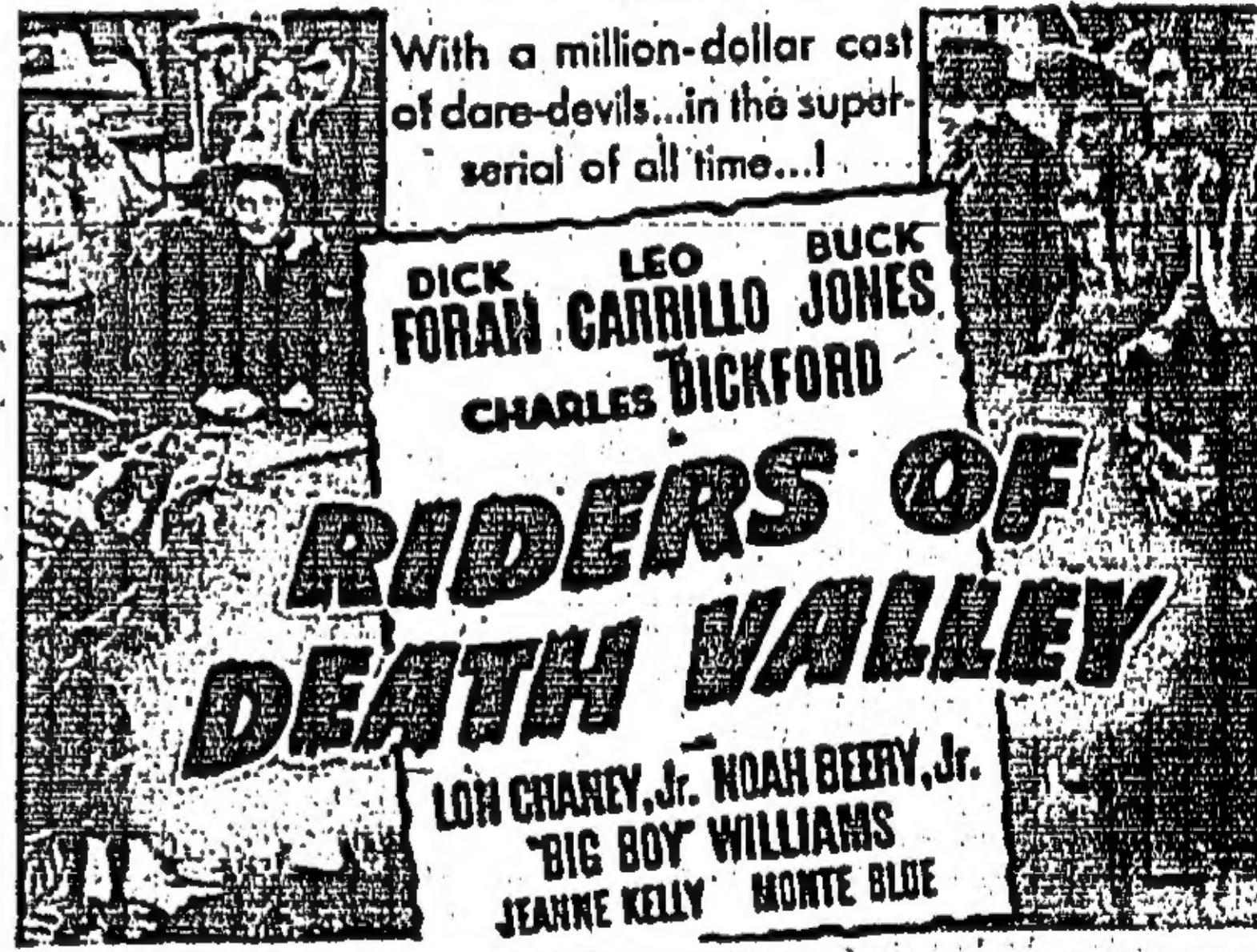
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Novel Series Of Programmes From ZBW Starts Tonight

Radio Adaptation Of British Films

A novel series of programmes from ZBW starts tonight with the first presentation of "London Playhouse." The programmes are radio transcriptions of notable British films, the casts comprising the players who actually appear in the film version.

Initial presentation tonight is "Odd Man Out," one of the most discussed of all post-war British films. It has received high praise in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Starring are James Mason, Robert Newton, and Kathleen Ryan, but equally notable are performances by Robert Bentay, W. G. Fay, Fay Compton, F. J. McCormick and William Hartnell.

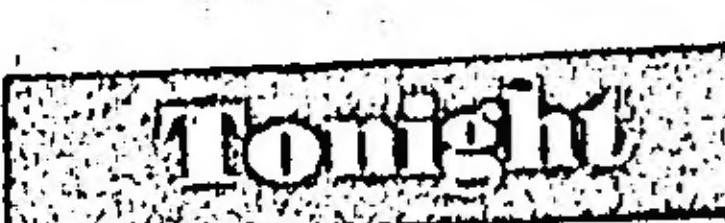
Briefly, the story tells of eight hours' agony of mind and body of Johnny, leader of an Irish illegal political organisation. The setting is Belfast. Johnny, having planned and led a robbery to get funds for the "organisation," is mortally wounded and kills a man during his getaway. Desorted by his panic-stricken confederates when he falls from the car in which they are escaping, Johnny is relentlessly tracked by the police. From that moment the hunted man holds breathless interest as he stumbles through streets and alleyways trying to find a place to hide. The suspense of this journey as he blunders into one danger after another, meeting with people who would help him through pity and others who would help for the price of his head, cannot be described.

Beautifully cast, too, is Kathleen (Kathleen Ryan), the girl who loves him, and who sacrifices her own life to prove it.

"Odd Man Out" is on the air from ZBW at 8.30 tonight, and is a half-hour show, "London Playhouse," of which this is the first presentation, is to be a regular Saturday night feature for some weeks to come.



James Mason, British film actor, who stars in the radio adaptation of the notable film, "Odd Man Out," which will be heard from ZBW tonight.



12.30 Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 Music of Moscow.
12.44 News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.00 Orchestrical Interlude.
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1.35 Vocal Interlude.
1.35 Allen Roth Orchestra.
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BBC Overseas Shortwave Programmes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

6.00 FORCES' FAVOURITES.—The celebrated singer, composer, and conductor in a weekly half-hour of music with the Melachrino Orchestra, conducted by George Melachrino. Guest artist: Victor Young. At the piano, Percy Kahn.

7.00 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.—An Irish Symphony—Scherzo (Sir Hamilton Hartley)—Sir Hamilton Hartley conducting. The Hallé Orchestra: A Journey to Our Lady (Donald Ford)—John Wetherman (Piano). Artillery—Irish Light Symphony Orch.: Eileen Oge (W.

7.00 LONDON RELAY: WORLD NEWS.—A Special Broadcast—Garrison W.O. Bertrand's New Victoria Barracks.

8.00 LONDON RELAY: WORLD NEWS.—"We Sing For You"—Famous Operatic Arias.

8.30 DRAMA: PLAYHOUSE—"OLD MAN OUT".

8.00 STUDIO: PIANO RECITAL BY PETER WOOLLEY.

Sonata in C major No. 8 (Mozart).—Duet: "The Masquerade" 2nd Series.

8.35 Haydn: Symphony No. 92 in G Major ("The Oxford").

1st movement—Adagio; Allegro spiritoso; 2nd movement—Adagio; 3rd movement—Menuetto (Allegro); and Trio;

4th movement—Presto—Orchestra de la Société des Concerts du Conservatoire.

10.00 LONDON RELAY: NEWS.

10.10 WEATHER REPORT.

10.11 CAHARET (RECORDED PHONOGRAPH).

Goodbye Blues—Quelkaten (Johnson). Laura—Slow Fox-trot (Rakelin)—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. I'm a Baby—Slow Fox-trot (Lambert)—It's my baby baby baby—Fox-trot (Handiman)—Geraldo's Orch.: Why don't we do more often (Newman)—Anderson. Don't you know I care—Slow Fox-Trot (D. Ellington)—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. After Sun-downer—Slow Fox-trot (Cubanacan). I'm a Baby—Slow Fox-trot (Handiman) and His Orch.: For the first time (I've fallen in love)—Fox-trot (Kapp)—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

6.00 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK.

7.00 BOOK OF VERSE.—Philip Tomlinson on Shakespeare's "Othello".

7.30 DANCE OF THE IRISH GUARDS.—Conductor: Major G. H. Wilcock.

7.30 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.

7.15 IN A SENTIMENTAL MOOD.—Red Leonard and his Players.

7.30 SLOW DANCE.—From St. Mary's Church, Nelson, conducted by the Rev. A. E. Ward.

8.00 THE NEWS.

8.15 MICHAEL MILES IN "RADIO FORGETS".

8.45 TONY MOYNTON IN "MEET THE REV".

9.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS.

9.15 SWEET SERENADE.

With Peter Yorke and his Concert Orchestra.

10.00 THE NEWS.

10.15 JEAN METCALF THANKS YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS.

10.30 NEW RECORDS.

10.30 SINGERS IN "GRACIAS" WORKING PARTY.

With Richard Valery and his Concert Orchestra and the worker-entertainers of Great Britain. 2nd Huddersfield.

12.00 MIDNIGHT RADIO NEWSREEL.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

6.00 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult. Carl Smith and Phyllis Solitice (two pianos); Concerto in C for two pianos and orchestra—Vaughn Williams.

7.00 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK.

7.15 TED LEWIS.

And his Band (gramophone records).

7.20 REPORTING RECORD.

7.25 FORGES' FAVOURITES.

8.45 BURSEN V. LANCASHIRE.

A commentary by E. W. Swanton.

9.00 PHONE TODAY'S PAPERS.

With Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel.

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10.15 A TALK.

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You remember him —by his boots!

IT'S some time since we did any history in this column, and I thought we might dig up something about the Duke of Wellington.

They are opening an exhibition of his relics at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, so I went along for a preview. Most of the things on show are presents made to the duke after his battles, and you'll notice, right away how whining a war paid better dividends than that it does now.

In one of the first showcases you come to is the centre piece of a table set that was given to the duke by the Portuguese. It cost them a quarter of a million pounds to make them, so goodness knows what it's worth now.

In another case are two things that look like giant silver candlesticks and are really oil-burning candelabra. They are more than 4ft. high and so heavy that it takes three men to lift each one. These are just a part of the present given to Wellington after Waterloo by the merchants and bankers of London. They also gave him a shield of gold and silver that is 3ft. 4ins. across.

Gifts of plate

IN the R.A.F. I was told that it was against King's Regulations to make presentations to your senior officers, but there were no such inhibitions in Wellington's army. His junior officers gave him silver plate worth tens of thousands of pounds.

And pictures! Wellington won a collection of old Dutch and Spanish masters worth a fortune. They came from the Spanish royal galleries and were found abandoned in the luggage of Napoleon's brother after the Battle of Vittoria in 1813.

When the duke asked if he should return them the Spanish Ambassador wrote that his king, "touched by your delicacy, does not wish to deprive you of that which came into your possession by means as just as they were honourable."

Nowadays if you come back from the wars with so much as a Jerry can and a pair of binoculars you've got to have a better story than that, or the M.P.s will take them away from you.

SIDE GLANCES



ME—AND WELLINGTON

R.A.F. at the time he might have been marshal of that, too.

On top of all this he was given £2,000 a year when he became a viscount, £400,000 when he was made a duke and another £200,000 after Waterloo. Things were cheaper then, so he was able to do more with his money than most of us have done with our gratuities. (Mine all went on a few curtains and a carpet cleaner.)

"Ugly Arthur"

ANOTHER thing. The Duke of Wellington had no housing problem when he'd finished fighting, because as well as everything else he was given Apsley House at Hyde Park Corner, and a country estate near Reading that cost the Government £263,000.

When he was a boy his mother called him "ugly Arthur" and said he was "fit food for powder." How right she was. With the possible exception of the Duke of Marlborough he was the only man in Britain who has ever made himself a millionaire by joining the Army.

Birthday mix-up

IF there had been no more to it than that the people who write history books might have presumed the mother knew what she was talking about and the person had made a mistake, but in April 1790 our hero was elected to the Irish Parliament, and his opponents tried to unseat him by saying he was born in 1781.

The family replied by producing a nurse who was ready to testify that everybody was wrong and he was really born at Dungan Castle, Co. Meath, on March 8, 1789.

In private life the duke relied on the memory of his mother and not the nurse, and celebrated his birthday on May 1. But just imagine what the civil servants would say to you today if you told them you weren't sure when you were born or where.

And now, does anybody know why the duke was called Wellington when the family name was Wellesley? The answer is that he was away fighting in Spain and Portugal when he first got into the peerage as a viscount, and so his brother at home chose the title for him. The obvious one was Lord Wellesley, but the brother discarded that for the simple reason that he was named Lord Wellesley himself. He picked Wellington because it sounded something like Wellesley, but not so like it that people would mix them up.

WELLINGTON was 83 when he died, and Parliament voted another £80,000 for his funeral.

Now the present Duke of Wellington has given Apsley House back to the nation to be used as a museum. With it goes the table set from Portugal, the pictures from Spain, the "candlesticks" from the bankers, gold balls, swords, snuff-boxes and jewelled orders from all over Europe. So they're yours and mine, and we have got something out of the war. If we'd lost it all these things would be in Germany now.

DEWEY: MYSTERY MAN OF U.S. POLITICS

— By William Hardcastle —

THE mystery man of American politics at present is Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York State and favourite for the Presidential (Republican) nomination in 1948.

The big news about Dewey is that he is saying nothing.

He has declined to commit himself on practically every major point of controversy that has developed in this nation between parties and the United States and the outside world since last November's election.

The man who came to fame under the glare of "gang busting" publicity, most noticeably has refused any comment on the merits or demerits of the Anti-Labour Bill recently passed by Congress over a Presidental veto and in the most bitter political controversy of the year.

Another major domestic issue—taxes and whether they should be cut—has found Dewey likewise remaining silent.

The Republicans have produced two tax bills in the face of strong Presidential opposition—but Dewey—who is "favourite" for the White House for the 1948 elections—has not stated specifically whether he is for or against them.

Whether this is Olympian indifference or clever strategy, it is difficult to say. Certainly, it does not, for the time being, seem to be harming his chances of advancement. Though the late President Roosevelt defeated him in 1944, he still leads all the public opinion polls as the most likely Presidential nominee for the coming elections.

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OTHER CANDIDATES

By comparison, Senator Arthur Vandenberg; Senator Robert T. Tait; Senator John Bricker, Governor Earl Warren of California, former Governor of Ohio Harold Stassen—all of them in the running for the same nomination—are leading lively political careers, and when not involved directly in the current conflicts, are making clear to inquiring reporters just how they feel on each issue.

Dewey, however, continues in his own quiet way—carrying on the big job of running New York State from his office in Albany, the State capital. He holds periodic press conferences, but concentrates solely on inter-State affairs.

Nevertheless, this is the man who has at least an even chance of succeeding President Truman in the White House by the beginning of 1949—when the development of the Marshall offer will have reached a critical stage and American-Soviet relations may be going through a similarly decisive phase.

Just now, he is on a country-wide tour with his family, and is going out of his way to meet the leading Republican politicians in each important area. But he insists that it is not a "political tour" and is making no major speeches, no

important disclosures of policy. He has a host of reporters following him on what he insists should not be called "The Dewey Train"—but they are getting slim pickings.

Nine times out of ten their stories lead off with "Dewey adroitly avoided . . ." "Dewey declined comment . . ." "Dewey was non-committal . . ." Whenever he manages to meet the Governor face to face, he insists that he is only on a private trip whose main purpose is to show his young sons the United States.

TO HOLD OUT

No one will predict if and when he will break his self-imposed silence. Some think he may choose out of the main arena of political controversy as long as he can, considering that his present standing and popularity are such as to assure him victory without more than a handful of major speeches and personal appearances next year.

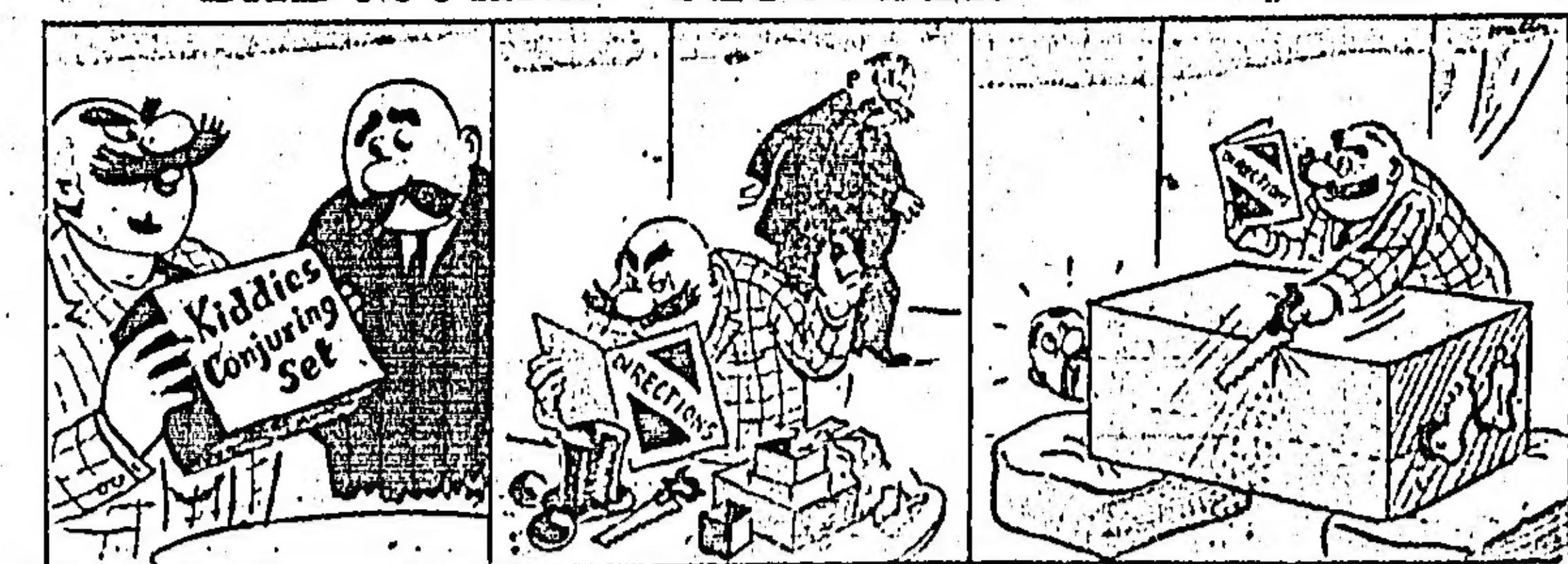
Unless he does change his present tactics, however, his position as far as the outside world is concerned will become increasingly mystifying. He is known to hold moderately Internationalist views on foreign affairs; but how far he agrees with Senator Vandenberg, or with the present policy of the Truman administration it is impossible to say.

He has registered vague approval of continued aid to foreign countries, but he has not revealed his attitude to the Marshall Offer.

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DAB... AND FLOUNDER

by Walter



Thinking Aloud

...Why are women drinking so much?

by PAUL HOLT



She drinks because she is lonely. She lost her man; she lost her home. It doesn't hurt so much in public. She doesn't feel so lost.

She drinks because she misses the excitement of war. She felt she belonged, then. She felt that she ranked and the feeling gave her an outward swagger and a good warmth inside. Now out of uniform, out of the company of other women, she has no way of swaggering and not much good feeling inside, either. A drink helps away the emptiness.

Assurance

She drinks because her man is unhappy. She thinks she can make him more sure of himself if she goes along.

She drinks because there is nothing else to do. She would far prefer her young man to take her for a little supper somewhere. But where? So they go to the local.

She drinks because she is a nice woman and therefore has too many friends. They all drink, so she has to. Often far more than she wishes. If only her friends would only drink tea, how happy she would be.

She drinks to have something in her hand. She wishes it were tomato juice cocktail. She asks for lime to cover up the gin.

Only rarely does she drink for the pleasure of drinking, like a man does. For the tension she seeks to ease, or the company she seeks to gain by way of the glass are won at great risk.

She has so much more than a man to lose. Her looks, for instance. That gay little flush will stay too long. And her defiance against the world, that studied look of cheerfulness, of understanding, of coquetry—what you will—is a mask. After a third or fourth drink the mask drops. And there she is, exposed to the world. And there posed the world knowing her.

It takes a brave woman to be a drinking woman, for the weapon she takes in her hand is a cutting weapon. But then, women are brave. They do not shirk living.

Searching?

OF Mr Phillip Shelmerdine it was said (in a Manchester divorce case) that he (1) embraced the Roman Catholic faith, (2) became a farmer, (3) became a beekeeper, (4) joined the British Union of Fascists. I wonder what on earth he was looking for.

Training

THE headmaster of Clifton College, Bristol, Mr. B. L. Hallward, says he is going to expel some of the boys unless their parents behave better during the holidays.

It has a good point. How, he asks, can he get on with the job of turning out some decent young God-fearing gentlemen if the parents don't back him up? How can he promote the good old English standards of honesty and right dealing if all the boys hear at home is gossip about the black market? But it isn't all the parents' fault. I took my son, aged 18, to see "Goliath." At the end he said: "I don't see that Goliath was so terribly wicked. After all, he only tried to wangle things like money . . .

I'll swear I never learned that one at home.

Wisdom

IN Brussels over the week-end I found the people frightened by the slump that has hit them. Shop shelves are full, but people's pockets are empty. Prices are tumbling down. Both manufacturer and middleman see bankruptcy ahead.

The consumer is indifferent. All the money he has to spare goes to the black market. One businessman said to me: "We must export or we shall go broke as a nation. How wise you English were to think of that straight away . . .

I told him there were some people who didn't agree with him.

Civilisation

WHEN a young African dandy takes a wife these days he is required to pay the bride's father: £2 to cough and grove he is olive, £5 to open his mouth and a further £2 to negotiate for the nose.

But this is civilisation indeed. Most fathers I know are only too eager to give their daughters away.

Sense

IN the private papers of the late Gertrude Stein there were discovered the following answers to a questionnaire submitted by her as a woman reporter. For succulence and good sense they cannot be bettered and they are printed here for the instruction of all public men and women.

Q: What do you look forward to?

A: More of the same.

Q: What do you consider your weakest characteristic?

A: Weakness.

Q: Why do you go on living?

A: Why shouldn't I?

Illusion

I SAT half-way through the now-famous Italian resistance film "Open City," content in my mind that the leading actress Ann Magnani was an amateur. Then she

William Hickey

But hardly for a maiden aunt!

WE speak of Ancient Rome, and of Ancient Greece, but rarely if ever of Ancient America, a country whose history begins for most of us with its discovery by Columbus.

It is one of life's incongruities that to see examples of ancient American art, the work of such long-forgotten tribes as the Mayas, Toltecs, Nahuan, Olmecas and Aztecs, one must penetrate into the lush interior of London's Mayfair.

There at the Berkeley Galleries, Senor EMILIO DE ALBERON PUIZ, acting on behalf of the Mexican Ambassador, "unveiled" a collection of sculpture, pottery, metalwork and textiles dating as far back as 500 B.C.

Putting it mildly, some of the exhibits on view are not altogether suitable as birthday gifts to one's maiden aunt. Gazing politely at what I feel sure were superb specimens, it struck me that our own present-day Epstein and the ancient Indians had pretty much the same attitude towards art.

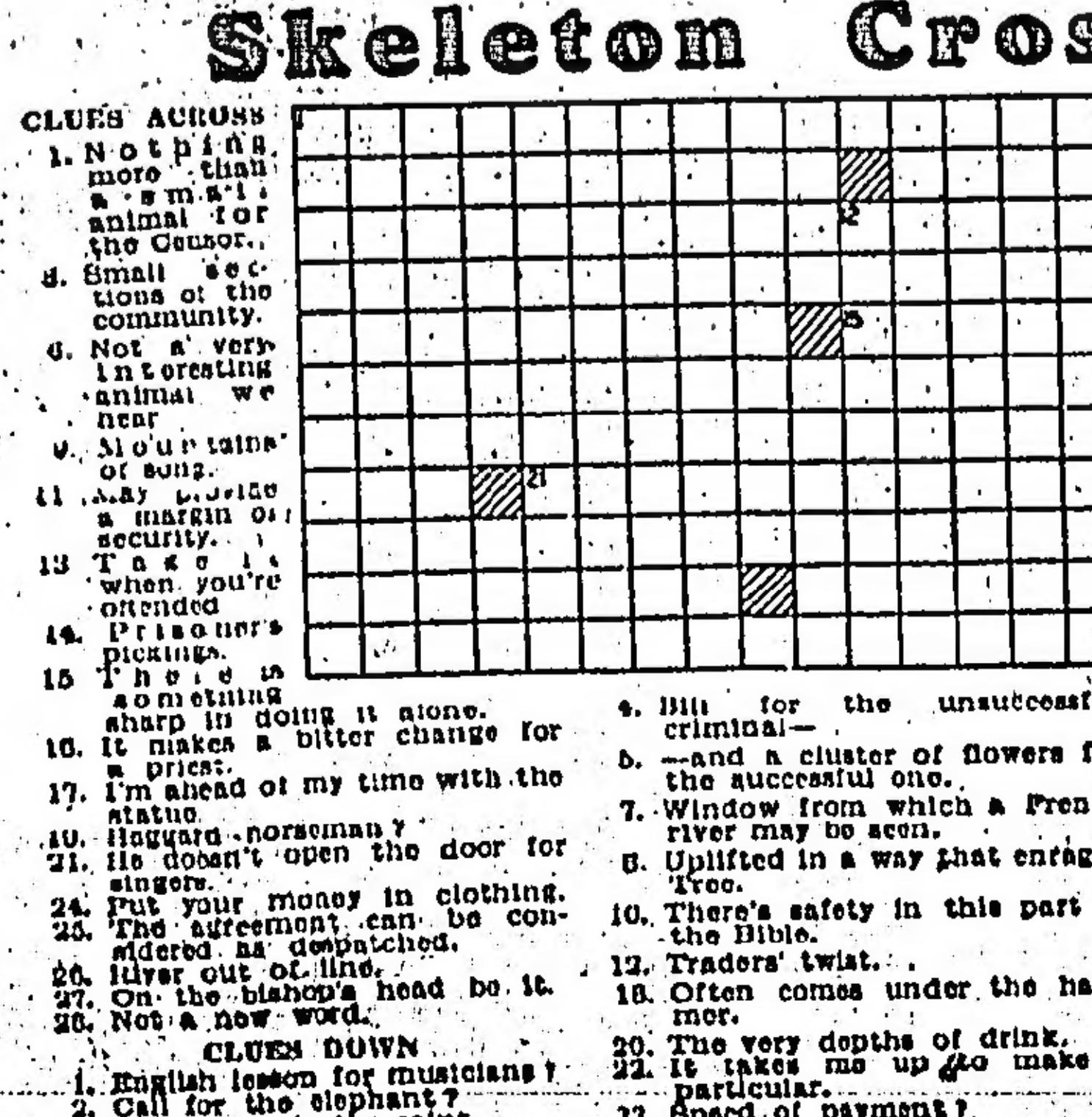
The C.S.S.G.?

WALKING round the Royal Horticultural Society's show I was pulled up short by a printed invitation: "Why not join the Cactus and Succulent Society of Great Britain?" For enlightenment I turned to Miss L. F. RUSSELL, representing a Berkshire firm of cactus specialists.

Miss Russell, whose stand held at least 200 different varieties, explained that succulents have leaves, cacti have not. That is the distinction.

One succulent she showed me had taken four years to grow, and was no bigger than a coat button. Another, called lithop rubra, on an adjoining stand, was one of the only three of its kind in the world. It belongs to Captain H. J. DUNNE COOKE, who grew it in Soho-square, and looks exactly like a tiny group of six pink throat pastilles.

Skeleton Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Not bad, more than for security.

4. Small sections of country.

6. Not very interesting animal we now have.

9. You can't do it alone, sharp in doing it alone.

10. It makes a bitter change for me.

12. I'm ahead of my time with the statue.

14. This doesn't open the door for singers.

24. Put your money in clothing.

25. Your investment can be considered as detached.

26. Silver out-of-line.

28. Head to it.

30. Not a new word.

CLUES DOWN

1. English lesson for musicians?

2. Call for the elephant?

3. Put me up to the saint.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

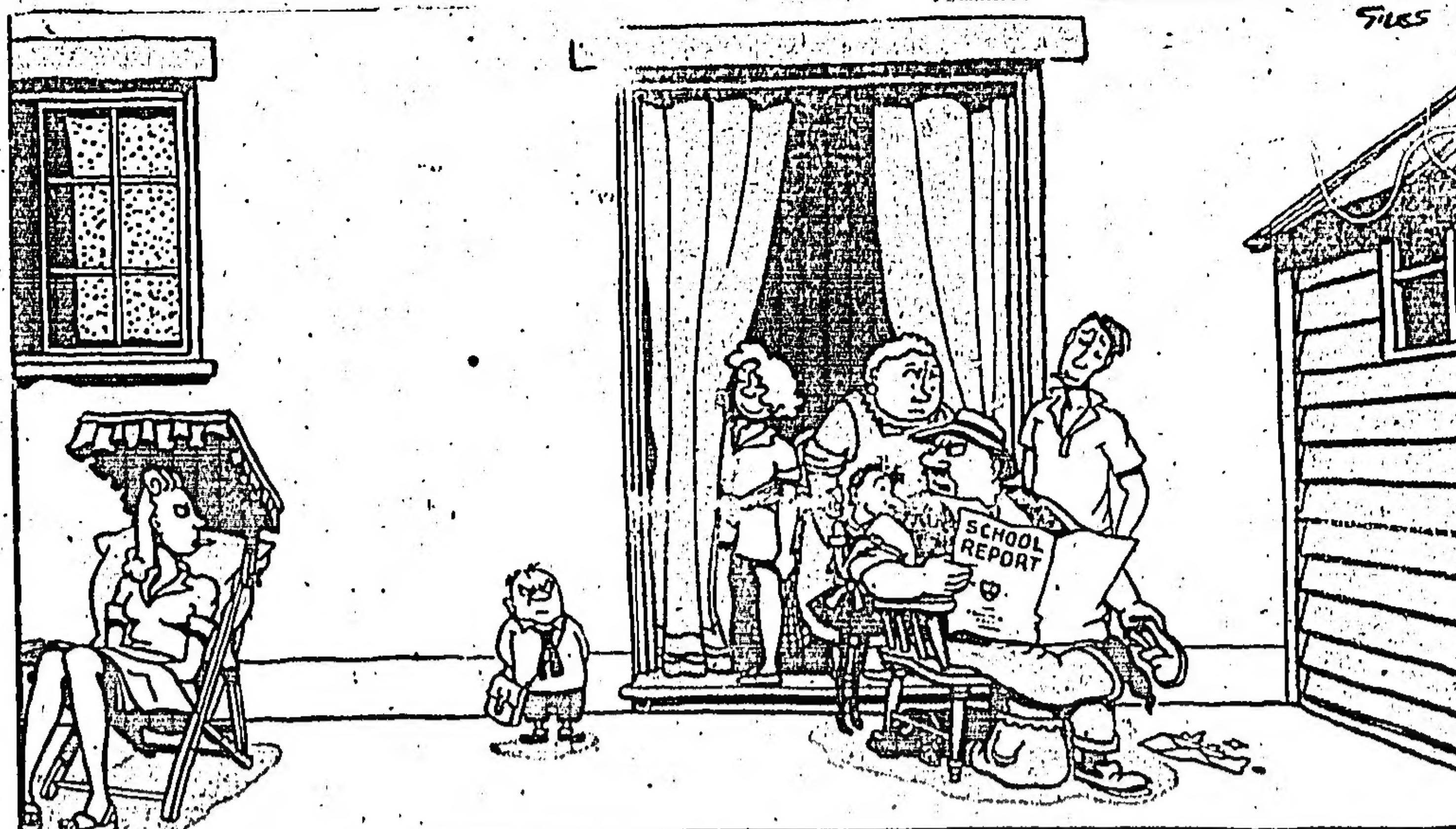
FOUNDRY PALMIST

CHANGE

Men rise and fall: they live; they love, they die.
And are forgot; innumerable hearts
That now are dust have played the
burning parts.
To which our own are throbbing: you and I
Go swiftly through those ancient roles
again ...
Is it not strange to think this love of
ours,
Now ripe with all a passion's glowing
powers.
Shall pass entirely from the minds of men?

'Tis like a gem no wealth could ever gauge,
A thing of wondrous beauty, lost at sea
In sands unfathomed, where the billow's rage
Buries it ever deeper, 'tis to be
Something that dazzled in a bygone age,
Then passed beyond the sphere of
memory.

T. W. NATHAN



"It says here that when your teacher explained that the Nations of the World were striving in unity towards a glorious Peace, you emitted a long, low rumbling noise resembling the sound 'Brrrrrrrrr.'"

CLAUD MULLINS

PEOPLE get very excited when discussing corporal punishment. Some men regard the argument as conclusive that they were beaten by their fathers or masters at school, and have, they think, benefited from the experience.

In fact, this argument is not relevant. Beatings by parents and schoolmasters are utterly different from beatings by policemen or prison officers. Why?

When a child is smacked, or even beaten, by a parent, the child knows if it thinks about the master at all, that the parent is doing this because he or she thinks it good for the child. In normal cases the parent loves the child and the child knows it.

When a boy is beaten at school, again he knows that the master cares for his interests, and that he thinks that a beating will do him good.

In both cases the punishment follows quickly on the offence and is given by someone who is playing a big part in the child's life.

BUT none of this happens when corporal punishment is inflicted at the order of courts.

If a children's court orders a boy to be beaten, the beating has to take place "as soon as practicable." But first the child usually has to be examined by a doctor, so that the "propriety" and the "severity" of the punishment may be tested. This may cause some delay. Then the parent has a right to appeal to Quarter Sessions against the sentence. He is allowed 14 days to do this and if he does appeal, weeks or even months may elapse before the appeal is heard.

Far from the beating being given by someone who is known to care for the boy's interests, it is given by a police constable whom the boy may never have seen. Other constables usually hold the boy's hands, and perhaps his feet, too.

FOR floggings in prison, the man is strapped to a "triangle." The prison officer who does the flogging is not seen by the offender. Much care is taken about this.

It is the rule that a prisoner who is flogged can be, if he wishes, excused work for the rest of the day. On one of my visits to prisons, the Governor told me that there is in fact an extraordinary difference in the way men take floggings. Some cry their hearts out and are miserable in their cells for days. Others ask to go back to work soon after the flogging is over. The judge who orders the cat cannot possibly know how the prisoner will take his flogging. Only an experienced psychologist could make a reasonable prediction about that.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IT is said that many people are taking to snuff. An M.P. has announced that it "leads to efficiency," whatever that may mean. You might as well say that smoking leads to integration.

Years ago Mr Robert Lynd gave me my first pinch of snuff. When I complained that it only made me sneeze, somebody said: "That is the whole point of it." Yet I noticed that Mr. Lynd did not sneeze, and obviously the eighteenth century bucks could not have carried off that supercilious glance, followed by a drawled insult, if they had been sneezing all the time. "Eh, now, my dear shrophooopoo sir, I shoo shall be ero vnoocoocoobleeged if shooocooocooco you will remove your shrooosoof from my eraphasher presence."

Musical interlude

THE breaking of the F key-spring of a flute the other day during a concert reminded me of an incident which occurred when Mr. Gerald Barry, that eminent flautist, was playing before the Mayor of Wolverhampton. Just as he was about to begin an arrangement of "Pirli-Pirli-Pirli" made by Dr Arthur Westfall, there was a loud squeak from the flute. And when Mr. Barry

blown down it, suspecting an obstruction, out came a tiny mouse. "How on earth could that have got in there?" asked the Mayor. "It must have been put there, like a ship into a bottle," replied the flautist. The mayor laughed merrily, and the concert began.

A duel behind Romano's

I HOPE actresses and critics read of the French actress who challenged a critic to a duel. When I was a boy these affairs were settled in the early morning on a small lawn behind Romano's. It was there that A. B. Walkley and Mrs Langtry fought with lobster-claws, until the seconds, Henry Darn and Marle Studholme, intervened.

Constructive criticism

DEAR Sir, Why could not the proposed Bankalde power-station be a replica of St Paul's, so not to clash with the original? Alternately, could not St Paul's be very carefully moved to some other site? My niece, who is married to an electrician, says that he once suggested this to an architect, when it was a question of chimneys near a railway. But nothing was done.

Yours faithfully, Bertha H. Truslove.

Twice now I've lost my sight—

TWICE the gods and I have diced for my eyes. And twice I have won. I look across Falmouth Bay, and Pendennis Head stands out of the water—a little dimmer, but firm and bold in the sunshine.

The lighthouse across the Carrick Roads will wink back at me—18 seconds alight and five seconds darkness, I used to make it.

And I know now, for the second time in the last five years, that the sight I had lost is back again. Those who have known this experience will tell you that it is a moment of great joy, but one of great calm. The drama of it is all for other people.

Few people understand blindness. We fear it and push it away from our thinking.

People with sight tend to the belief that blind people are odd men out in a world that pauses for a moment to give them pity or sympathy.

In Germany or Denmark, and many of the other European countries, you will see them wandering about wearing the badge of their oddity—a yellow armlet with ugly black rings on it. That yellow armlet is, in fact, the badge of misplaced sympathy—the insidious bug that rots away a disabled man's desire to be independent.

I know that, if other people will let him, the blind man can lead as full, happy and self-supporting a life as anyone else.

It was an overdose of sympathy that nearly overwhelmed me into throwing all my independence into other people's hands. And there were always professional sympathisers, waiting with hands apart like avaricious wicketkeepers, for anything that came their way.

Let me give you an example, one you will all recognise. A newly blind friend of mine is walking down the street. He is finding that he can hear the direction in which people are walking, the speed at which they are coming or going away.

He finds that he can tell the difference between a bus and a car, maybe even the make of car. He can smell whether it is gas or petrol driven. He becomes sensitive to the wall at his side, knows when there is an opening in it.

Help that harms

BUT along comes a charming young lady and the rot has set in. My friend has no need to find his own way any more. Someone else is going to do it for him. The whittling away of his desire to become an independent man has begun. The next thing to go will be his desire to work. And, finally, the desire to think—and, with that, happiness.

The girl gets a warm glow of satisfaction, which she ought to find a little difficult to analyse.

WHAT HAS IT TAUGHT ME?

by Vincent Evans

WHEN I first came out of hospital and was told that my dwindling sight would soon be gone, I had the names of five types of people crossed out of my address book:

1. The people who wrote and told me of some man, quack or otherwise, who would quite certainly be able to give me back my sight. They were the people who raised false hopes and delayed the moment when I would face facts.

2. The people who told me they thought I was wonderful. They were the people who might eventually convince me that I was.

3. The people who were jealous of my blindness and who would say: "He can see enough when he wants to." They were the people to whom I tried to prove that I was more disabled than I really was, and in doing so became more disabled.

4. The sympathisers who tried to run my life, instead of letting me do it for myself—professional good men and women.

5. Those who commanded me to God and then sat back on their boughs. They were the people about whom Paul wrote several of his epistles.

Friends I chose

THE people whose company I sought were those who demanded more from me than I thought I was able to give.

I bought the company of the man who walked beside me and only helped me when it became urgent; those whose sympathy had a cynical turn, and those who had cheerful voices.

And, now, what of the profits? Easily first, I would place the thrill of finding out how to use hearing, smell and touch so that they replace the eyes.

All you who see look at a person's face, listen to his words and form your judgment. But the blind man depends entirely on the voice.

It can, of course, lie and tease as a beautiful face can, but it has no real mask. The querulous, the timid, the petulant voice, the confident, the merry voice, the pensive and the sympathetic—all are shorn of guile.

I would accept a blind man's judgment of character before that of a seeing man.

Comparable with the loss of mobility, I would place the pleasures of touch—finding the grain in smooth wood or being able to detect a piece of Jade among other lesser wares; or finding that your ability to carve wood is far keener than the normal man's.

Today, the Skinners' Company does much good work in assisting in educational and charitable works.

The Court of the Company are the sole Governors of Tonbridge School, a famous public school, which was founded in 1553, and is endowed by Sir Andrew Judd, Lord Mayor of London in 1550 and six times Master of the Company. In recent years, other schools have been founded by the Com-

pany.

At last, and very reluctantly, I was forced back on sheer thinking—distracted by none of the things that distracted the eye. It is a gift that simplifies life and calms the mind.

Looking back on blindness, my main feeling is one of stimulation, though there were moments of anguish—as when a night's sleep has brought forgetfulness; you open your eyes in the morning and find again that you cannot see. But these moments are soon overtaken.

I would sum up my profit and loss account like this—it is better to not have to see, but it is better still to have done both. For, there are realms of experience that none but those privileged few can know.

GUILDS OF THE CITY OF LONDON: NO. 6

THE SKINNERS' COMPANY

By BARRY PEAK

THE Skinners' Company—the Guild or Fraternity of Corpus Christi—received its first Royal Charter from Edward III in 1327. As one of the 12 chief Guilds of the City of London, the Company has the unusual honour of ranking alternately sixth and seventh in order of civic precedence with the Merchant Taylors' Company.

Famous Freemen

Many famous men are Honorary Freemen of the Company. One of the most famous to be honoured by the Company is Field Marshal the Rt. Hon. Jan Christian Smuts, of the Union of South Africa. Other famous men who have been made Honorary Freemen of the Company include Viscount Ullswater, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons, Field Marshal Lord Ironside, who was educated at Tonbridge School, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Alanbrooke, formerly Chief of the Imperial General Staff, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Portal of Hungerford, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Skinners' Hall, like so many other London buildings, suffered badly in World War II in the blitz of 1941 and from "flying bombs" in 1944. However, the Company is fortunate in retaining part of its ancient Hall.

During the Company's early days, the Skinners made a great contribution to the contemporary luxury fashions. A Skinner was a furrier and in medieval Latin, was called "pelliparius". He was a merchant, a shopkeeper, or a journeyman worker, and purchased fur skins brought to London, whether native or foreign, and employed others such as tailors in connection with them.

Sable And Ermine

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hen the furs were prepared, they were made into, or used in trimming, royal and judicial robes. At this period the wearing of expensive furs, such as sable and ermine, was restricted to royalty, the nobility and to those who gave a minimum of £100 a year to the Church. The Skinners, therefore, followed a luxury trade. In keeping with other City Companies, the Skinners' played a major part in directing the manufacture and sale of furs, and regulations also provided for the punishment of those guilty of malpractices in connection with the trade.

Today, active association with the fur trade no longer exists, but it is interesting to note that the present Master of the Company is a member of the fur trade. This, however, is a coincidence and is not usually the case.

There is an interesting custom when a new Honorary Freeman is accepted in the ranks of the Company. The Company's arms include a lynx or leopard and it is traditional to give a reproduction of the silver leopard snuff-box to the new Honorary Freeman. The original snuff-box was presented to the Company in 1680 by Roger Kemp, Master in 1679, and is placed before the Master at all dinners and meetings.

City Processions

WHEN a new Master and Wardens are elected on the Feast of Corpus Christi, there is a procession on that day to the Church of St. Mary Aldermanbury in the City. These religious processions are part of London life, and the City traffic is brought to a standstill as the traditional procession winds its dignified way to pay homage to the patron Saint.

Violet was in a bed with a sack covering her head.

There were Martin Anderson, 42, and his brother Clarence, 38, and his sister Violet, 35.

Police held for questioning Mrs Bertha Anderson, 72, who described them as "my children."

Hospital doctors said the three were emaciated and unable to answer questions.

Acting on neighbours' suspicions of "something funny" in the Anderson house, detectives discovered Martin confined in a chicken-wire cage in a first-floor bedroom.

Clarence was tied to a dirty bed with his wrists bound by leather handcuffs.

Violet was in a bed with a sack covering her head.

There were no sanitary facilities.

Violet struggled against the police, shouting: "Mama, don't let them take me."

The others were unable to speak coherently.

Police are searching for five other children in the family to obtain information.

The tenants on the ground floor were unaware of conditions in the upstairs rooms.

They described Mrs Anderson as "the perfect landlady" and a "religious woman who played hymns on the organ."

DAVID LANGDON CARTOON



DRAMAS OF SCOTLAND YARD

How the slippiest burglar was caught

When clues failed a detective's hunch did the trick

by Ex-Supt. T. B. THOMPSON
late of the 'Big Five'

IMAGINATION plays a much bigger part in the detection of criminals than is popularly supposed. I have achieved some of my best results by following "hunches."

Some men would not have been caught at all if I had not relied on intuition to anticipate the next move of a criminal and so trap him by "following in front."

Much has been written about the career and capture of "Flannelfoot," the burglar who baffled the Yard for nearly 20 years, but I have never told the story of how the bed-time tale of a little girl gave me the vital clue in tracking him, how a sudden "hunch" of mine prevented his last-minute escape.

His 1,000 "jobs"

I WAS a chief inspector when I was put in charge of the case. There was little to go on; the record of nearly 1,000 burglaries and the strong suspicion that "Flannelfoot" was a man named Henry Edward Vickers.

Henry Vickers had deserted his wife, taken his 11-year-old daughter with him, and completely disappeared. So confident was he that on one occasion—and this is an inside secret of the Yard told for the first time—he rang us up and told us that we could have a rest as "Flannelfoot" was going on holiday.

He did, and we had a rest. But "Flannelfoot" was not above taking a busman's holiday and he paid for his rest from London by doing several jobs on the south coast!

Chat with girl

EARLY in 1936 "Flannelfoot's" daughter was found suffering from loss of memory.

She could not give any useful description of the woman who was living with her father, and she did not know the address where she had been living with them both.

Then her mother claimed her, took her home to a country town near London.

I went to the address, found the girl in the house alone, and had a quiet chat with her.

There was little I could gain by direct questioning. I knew that, and did not worry the girl.

But I asked her about the stories that "auntie" used to tell her at bed-time: among the familiar legends and fairy tales there were vague mentions of "another little girl like me, with golden hair, only she has a limp."

"Oh, yes, and auntie told me once that when she was young she used to stand on the roadside near her home and watch the King and Queen drive down to Sandringham."

Two clues. Vague enough. A golden-haired girl with a limp and 100 miles of road between London and Sandringham. But they were something to work on.

Formal inquiries by the local police yielded no results. I went down to Norfolk myself and began a long, slow search.

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When I told this to a few selected people in the neighbourhood, and emphasised that I was out for "Flannelfoot" alone and had nothing against the golden-haired girl or her aunt, I obtained willing observers.

I returned to London and waited for news.

After months of waiting, it came. I heard that the aunt was off to visit the lame girl and was returning immediately to London by motor-coach.

With the message came a description of her appearance.

Some colleagues thought I was over-cautious when I sent one detective to join the coach and shadow her to town, another to the motor-coach terminus, and then with a colleague went myself in a car to intercept the coach en route.

But my precautions were justified. The woman gave me my first watcher the slip at the start: the coach, because it had few passengers, took a short cut and by-passed my waiting car.

My reserve at the coach stop picked up the trail and followed the woman to a house in Holland-park, W.

We had found "Flannelfoot's" home. The next job was to watch his every movement.

A tricky man

NOW, crooks are extremely sensitive to observers, and "Flannelfoot" was smarter than most. He was up to every trick to detect and avoid shadowers.

He would walk slowly round corners and then double-back, almost colliding with his "tail" and making it extremely difficult for the follower to continue on the job without giving himself away.

If he took a tube, "Flannelfoot" would hang about on the platform until the moving doors began to close, and would then slide between them at the last second, leaving his shadower helpless on the platform.

To keep watch on "Flannelfoot" I invented the chain shadow system which has been extensively used since. I had a team of seven, three women and four men, continually on duty.

Four of them cruised round the nearby streets in a car. The three watchers followed each other in the chain. No. 1 tailed "Flannelfoot." No. 2 tailed No. 1, and No. 3 followed on.

When "Flannelfoot" doubled back to catch my No. 1, the detective strolled quietly by him and did not even look round.

No. 2 took up the shadowing, one of the detectives in the car got out to become the new No. 3, and the old No. 1 picked up the car on its next trip.

Thus the shadowers were continually changing, and "Flannelfoot" never had that instinctive feeling of being watched which has saved many crooks from arrest.

But I asked her about the stories that "auntie" used to tell her at bed-time: among the familiar legends and fairy tales there were vague mentions of "another little girl like me, with golden hair, only she has a limp."

"Oh, yes, and auntie told me once that when she was young she used to stand on the roadside near her home and watch the King and Queen drive down to Sandringham."

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If France participated in the discussions it would not be to give Germany "priority" in reconstruction.—BIDAUT

WHAT! NO ROUND TABLE?

Any idea of keeping observation on him by ordinary methods was out. A detective in that countryside would have been more of a landmark than St Paul's or the proposed Bankside power station.

Once again I found a good friend. A woman in the row of cottages was the daughter of a policeman. I persuaded her to help me.

But from the peculiar situation it had to be a case of "shadowing from the front."

In other words, we could not have a follower on the job. We had to have advance information of when our man had left, and in which direction, and then use our intelligence to meet him on his way.

I had a conference with Inspector R. Stevens, who was on the job with me, and finally we procured a portable, wireless transmitter, taught the woman to use it, and then we awaited results.

There were a number of alarms when we were advised over the little radio that the man had left his cottage and gone away on his motor-cycle.

Cottage raid

ON some occasions we failed to pick up the trail. On others his mission was innocent.

Then once we had a flash that he was out on the Wootton Bassett road. We picked up his trail.

He went into a village shop. A Swindon detective, Inspector D. Duncan, went in after him and asked to see what money he had changed.

One of the notes was a forgery, but by the time the detective left the shop our man had vanished.

But by now we were certain enough. It only remained to catch the man. When we raided his cottage we found his forging apparatus and got a conviction.

But we would never have finished that case if we had not used intuition and anticipation—or, as the jockeys say, waited in front.

NEXT WEEK
Set a woman to catch a woman.

COMMENT BY "CANDIDUS"

Don't Think There Won't Be A "Next Time"

ANOTHER outstanding case of anticipation was the capture of a banknote forger.

At that time I was a specialist in forgery and was engaged on a number of Bank of England cases.

Some excellent forgeries of £1 notes were being put into circulation, mainly in the South Wales area.

Inquiries at Cardiff yielded information that there was a clever young artist there, who could draw at parts excellent imitations of banknotes, but there was nothing to implicate him.

I kept a map showing the areas of circulation of forgeries, and later I found that similar bad notes were turning up in Wiltshire.

One of my hunches led me to make further inquiries of the Cardiff police, and they told us that their artist acquaintance had left South Wales for a village near Swindon.

I visited the village and found that he was living in a row of cottages surrounded by open fields.

Admiral Nimitz referred in scathing terms to Germany's degenerate barbarism and to Japan's savage conquest and brutal rule.

Dr Francis T. Miller, in discussing "Causes and Results of World War II" states: "Documentary evidence proves irrefutably that the Axis powers threatened to set up a reign of terror throughout the earth, overthrow every form of human freedom, destroy Church and State, and revert to medieval despotism. To accomplish this their leaders had raised and trained a generation for human slaughter. Mankind was to lose everything it had gained through seventy centuries of human progress. Every race, nationality, and creed was to be subjected to a paganistic system of slavery. The rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were to be abolished."

HOW those forces of evil, in spite of their present privations, must inwardly gloat over the plight of their victims today! They are already exerting themselves in order to restore their economic stability, and with this end in view, they doubtless rejoice in the inability of Britain and other nations to shake off the almost overwhelming burdens caused by the nations of the foully conceived Axis.

In Hongkong today, one can once again buy Japanese products, which apparently come in without any duty or tax which might well be enforced against reparations.

Of course, I can hear someone saying:

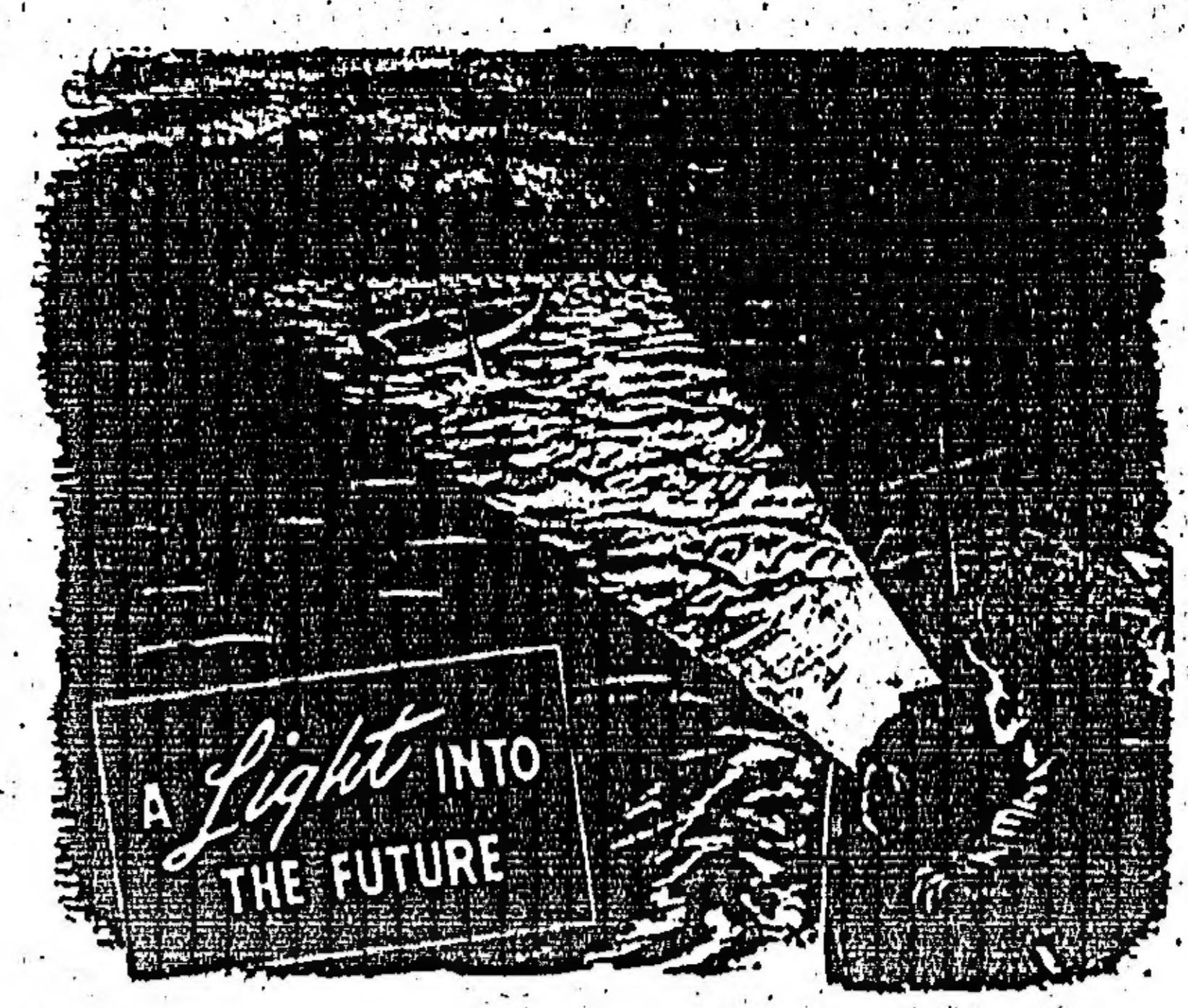
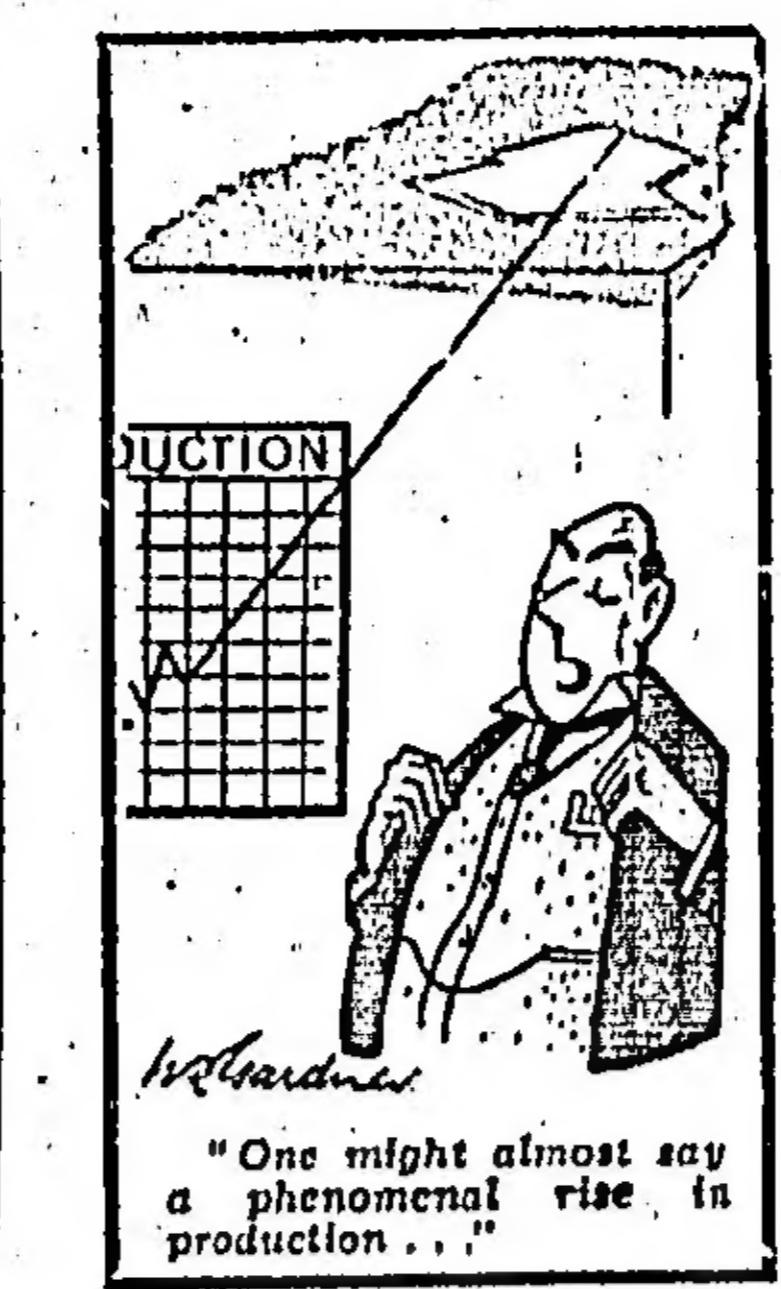
"Yes, that's all very well—but who would pay the tax?" I can only say that if people desire to assist in the resurrection of those lands who caused our own bereavements and material losses, and if such tax would check such ill-deserved retribution then it would be wise in the interest of the future of the world.

THERE is a general tendency today to consider the war which disrupted worldwide economy as merely a phase. That it was no more than a phase is a bitter disappointment to the German and Japanese beasts—yes, and I would include the treacherous Italians in my condemnation of those who schemed to exterminate the world's freedom-loving races. If there is a "next time"—and don't delude yourselves into thinking that there will not be a "next time"—it may not be a passing phase, but the dawn of a hideous despotism which would place your children and your children's children in the bonds of slavery for ever.

Today, the Japanese are fawning and cringing in their defeat. They will eat out the hand of MacArthur as long as the whip is in evidence. Give them but a chance, and the Far East will again reverberate to the whining of their shells, the crashing of their bombs, and the raping and torturing by their inhuman species.

Recently we have heard it expressed that business men have not been given immediate opportunity to return to Japan. Once again the pursuit of money offers a pleasant antidote to the nausea which afflicted humanity when the horrors of Belsen, the gas chambers, and the Japanese torturing, were told to the world. Shall we never learn?

POCKET CARTOON



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WHAT! NO ROUND TABLE?

Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. In the U.S., July 4 is celebrated as the anniversary of—

Boston Tea Party, adoption by Congress of the Declaration of Independence, abolition of slavery, Lincoln's birthday?

2. If you were a student of pantomime you would learn about—

Tankards, rivers, Greek urns, archaeology, noteen?

3. Which organisations' mottoes are these—"Blood and Fire," "Be Prepared," "Fight the Good Fight?"

4. What is the name of this State? Its capital is the clue.



5. You would expect to find a popping crease on a cricket field?

In line with the stumps, on square-leg's trousers, four feet in front of either wicket, at a hatch in the pavilion?

6. In which waters is the Gulf of St Vincent—Portuguese, Australian, West Indian?

7. These three famous men had the same name—Wellington's right-hand man of Waterloo; inventor of the penny postage; preacher, and hymn-writer?

8. At a parliamentary election would you be wasting your time if you canvassed—Peers, aliens, lunatics, constituents?

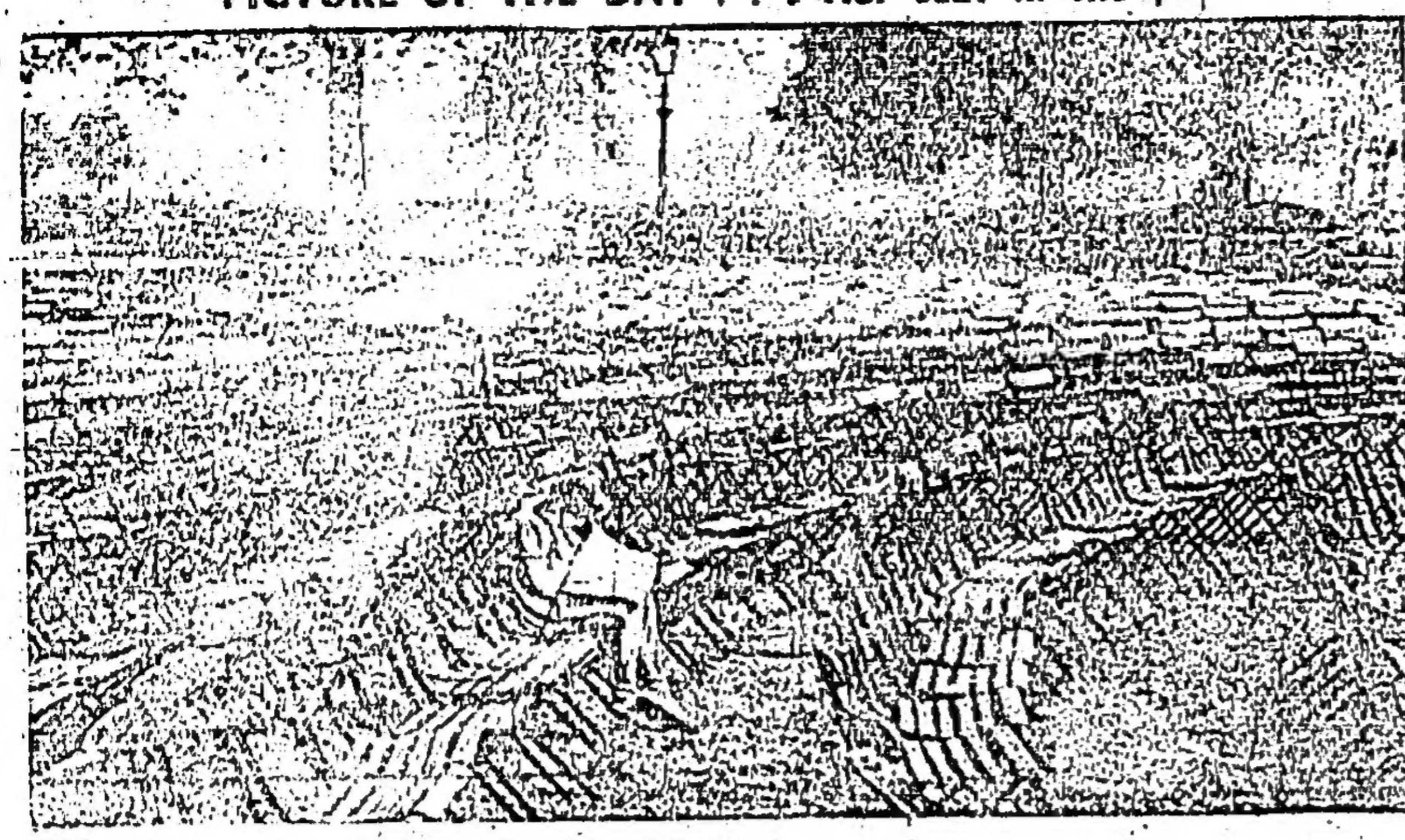
9. Which of these creatures is blind—Owl, mole, bat?

10. If a Red Indian handed you a calumet you would—Smoke it, hang it round your neck, drop it and run, drink it?

FISH AND CHIPS IN BED

Australian war-bride Sonja Adelson, 26, was granted a divorce in San Francisco from Morris Adelson, warehouse worker, on the grounds that he ate, among other things, potato chips and salmon in bed.

Mrs Adelson told the court she would return to Australia after the birth of her expected baby.



A fine photographic study made on a clear summer's day in London.

Geologists Engaged In Greatest Mineral Hunt

With packfuls of fanciful gadgets that would amaze last century's prospectors, geologists today are engaged in the greatest mineral hunt since the California gold rush of 1849.

On every continent, not excluding the frozen Antarctic and the concealed "sub-continent" of Greenland, 20th century rock hunters are seeking the greatest lodes of all time—deposits of uranium, thorium, carnotite, and other radioactive ores the possession of which alone will assure a nation's place in the sun for the foreseeable future.

Not only the wilderness, but also the settled areas of Europe, Asia and America are being probed for the all-important ores. The major advantage the radioactivity seacher has over the old-time gold hunter is that he does not have to see the ore to know that the mineral is present.

From aeroplanes flying at 2,000 feet or higher above the earth "Gelger counters," or mechanical devices which record radioactivity, can tell whether beneath the innocent-looking surface below there will be found uranium or its priceless cousins. With Gelger counters it may eventually be possible to prospect the floors of the oceans themselves.

What are the minerals which are being sought so avidly?

Uranium comes from pitchblende and the yellow mineral, carnotite, usually found in sandstone. It was first found in 1789. It is white and can be worked. It is very hard, but not as hard as steel. Water will tarnish it; it can be burned and, most important, it is radioactive.

Thorium is the most common of the "rare earths," and it is found on every continent, but usually not in paying quantities. It is used commonly to make gas mantles for lamps. The United States recently prohibited the export of mantles made of thorium. It is white, very heavy, will burn in the open air, and can be dissolved in some acids.

It is found most commonly with monazite, a common mineral in India and Australia.

Carnotite, named after the French physicist who discovered it, is used as an ore. From it is extracted uranium.

THE RUSH

The peculiarly shaped atomic cloud had scarcely risen over the blistered ruins of Hiroshima when the rush for the world's uranium began. It is not an uncommon mineral. The uranium content of the earth's crust is about .0004 percent by weight, which does not sound much, until one realizes that the weight of the crust is considerable.

Uranium is more common than bismuth, silver, mercury or iodine and it is about 1,000 times more prevalent than gold.

The British physicist, M. L. Oliphant, on a recent tour of Australia, said the known deposits of uranium were enough to supply current power needs for 100 years. An Atomic Scientists' Association booklet said: "No method of producing fissionable material without use of uranium is known or is in sight at present." But Oliphant predicted that by the time uranium gave out, other elements, probably including nitrogen, would be used.

The largest known deposit of uranium is in the Belgian Congo, an enormously rich African colony which lies in the Dark Continent in a position comparable to the stomach in a man. Its naval opens on the west coast between French Equatorial Africa and Portuguese West Africa, neither of which contains comparable riches. Geologists estimate the Congo holds 60 to 70 percent of the world's supply of uranium.

The second richest site is at Great Bear Lake, in the wild northwest territories of Canada. In this day of trans-polar strategy, Great Bear Lake is in an uncomfortable position, for it would find itself in a trans-Arctic assault.

Other deposits of either uranium or thorium are found in greater or lesser richness in Sweden, Norway, Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, and European and Asiatic Russia.

America's obvious strategy is keyed to projecting this transcendentally important mineral area, a task of utmost difficulty. Air transport is the only reliable means of communication. River transport is impossible eight and a half months of the year; there are no railroads; the entire northwest territories are spongy with a bottomless "muskeg" or swamp, which makes highway construction a virtual impossibility.

OTHER FINDS

Long-known deposits of uranium, most of them in non-workable concentrations, received new attention when atomic bomb facts became known. Other finds were reported almost immediately.

A uranium deposit was found in Cornwall and another in Bohemia. One find was reported from the interior of British Guiana. Carmelite was located in Portugal and Australia.

Uranium in paying quantities was said officially to have been found near Las Heras, San Luis State, Argentina, and the Argentine Government, of President Juan Peron, once began angling for Axis nuclear scientists to go to that South American Republic.

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TASK FORCE RCP

By A Special Correspondent

LONDON.—The Royal College of Physicians has established a task force to attack a disease from which 300,000 people are likely to suffer in Great Britain alone, a disease of youth about which little is known. The disease is rheumatic fever.

Twenty doctors with Lord Moran at the head are working to establish the tactics and strategy needed to defeat this peace-time enemy. And, as so often, it is quite certain that they cannot succeed unless the general public know what to do to help.

Affects The Heart

Rheumatic fever is quite different from chronic rheumatism, for it is a disease of childhood and not of adults, and, unlike ordinary rheumatism, it is dangerous because it affects the heart.

It is not itself infectious, but it seems to follow very often the presence of certain germs in the throat and nose which are very commonly found and passed from one child to another.

That, indeed, is one of the chief problems of this task force, to find out the connection between these common infectious germs and the serious rheumatic fever, and devise ways of preventing one thing developing into the other.

Once a child has got rheumatic fever the problem is to limit the amount of damage to the heart, and this is largely a question of expert nursing.

Good Housing And Food

No particular kind of child gets rheumatic fever, but it is common where there is overcrowding and bad feeding, and, where the child's defences are weakest.

There is nothing special about that. We all know by this time that health depends on good housing and good food.

First let us explode a common error. Many children have growing pains, a sort of dull ache between their joints. These should not worry the parent, as they have nothing to do with rheumatic fever.

But if a child looks pale and loses weight without seeming really ill enough to go to bed; and if this child complains of pains in the joints and perhaps limps slightly; and if all this is accompanied by the child getting tired more rapidly than seems reasonable, then the child should be examined by a doctor.

It may be nothing, but it may be the very earliest stage of rheumatic fever, and then much may depend on immediate treatment before the heart gets strained.

Signs Of Trouble

The task force dealing with rheumatic fever points out that as the only way to fight it is early diagnosis, there must be full understanding of those symptoms, not only by doctors but by school authorities and parents.

Already in some parts of Britain special measures are being taken to watch out for signs of trouble, with the result that fewer children in these places are being handicapped.

But the best weapon is parental knowledge and foresight. That alone will pull down rheumatic fever from its present position of chief cause of death from heart disease for people under 40.

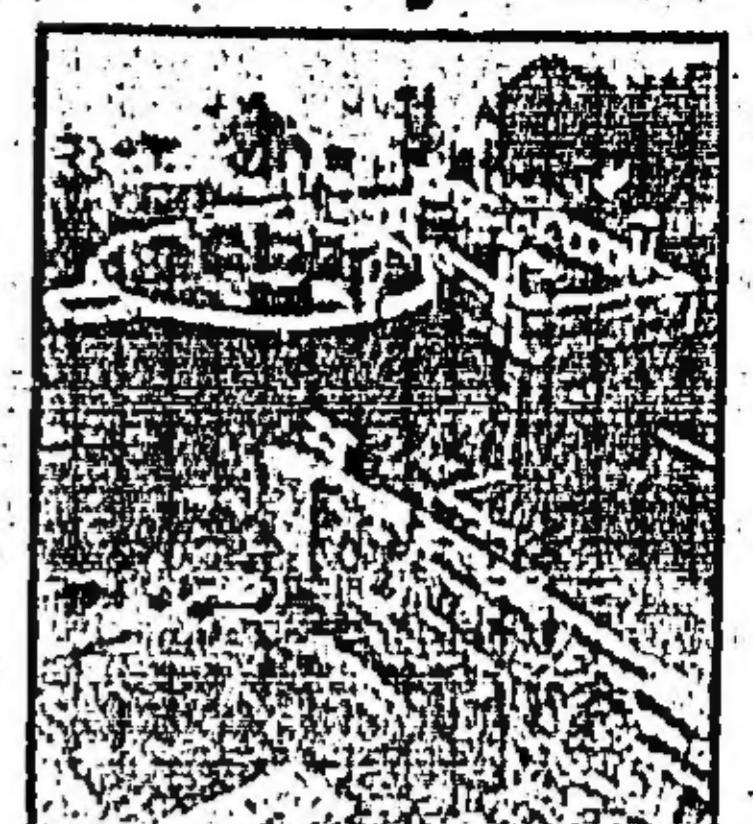
Perhaps the most important point which Lord Moran's committee makes is that children who have had rheumatic fever need something more done for them than a mere cure.

After it comes rehabilitation. It is no use saving a man from death unless you go on and fit him into the pattern of social life.

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Tried to steal crown jewels



IN 1671, during the reign of Charles II, an adventurer called Colonel Blood attempted to seize the crown, globe and sceptre in the Tower of London.

Thomas Blood, former lieutenant in Cromwell's army, had turned Government spy. He had already been mixed up in several plots, including one to seize Dublin Castle and kill the Lord Lieutenant.

FOR his attempt on the crown jewels, Blood had four accomplices. First Blood visited the Tower accompanied by a woman posing as his wife.

While looking at the jewels she feigned illness. She was taken into the house of Edwards, the 80-year-old deputy keeper, and this served as an introduction. Blood soon became friendly with the old man.

Finally he suggested that a nephew of his (who did not exist) should marry the old man's daughter.

He fixed a day for a visit by the nephew and arrived on horseback with his four companions, one of whom impersonated the young man. All of them were armed with swords, daggers and pistols.

While pretending to wait for his wife, Blood asked Edwards to show his friends the jewels. When the door was locked inside—the Tower custom—the old man was gagged and bound and beaten nearly to death.

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VIGNETTES OF LIFE



SECRET AUSTRALIAN ROCKET RANGE SITE

Adelaide.—A new, secret site has been chosen for Australia's rocket range town, in the northwest of South Australia's "dead heart" country.

Geologists In Mineral Hunt

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Almost every country which has sizable lots of radioactive minerals has imposed restrictions on their export and made plans for state development. Norway ordered a geological investigation and compilation of "uranium maps," and pronounced state ownership of all deposits.

Comparable steps were taken by other nations. Canada, under its National Research Council, gathered some 350 research workers and, with approval of Britain and the United States, took over the Eldorado Mining and Refining Company at Great Bear Lake. Arrangements were made with the provinces that further uranium deposits found would become the property of the national government. Sweden appointed an Atomic Commission and formed a company in which the government would have a dominant interest.

France has some low-grade uranium ores in the southern part of the country, but depends for most of her material upon Madagascar.

Russia remains the enigma. Since the atom bomb first rocked the world, she has engaged in the most widespread and thorough mineral hunt in recorded times. What has she discovered? Only iron, coal, gold, copper, according to Radio Moscow.

SOVIET EXPERIMENTS

But there are other reports that Soviet scientists are experimenting with medical applications of uranium. Vast appropriations were listed for science in each budget. Russian nuclear scientists have dropped out of the public's notice. Cosmic ray research is being carried on with a new intensity in the USSR. And no one doubts that one of the world's mightiest nations will not rest until it has a weapon equal at least to the weapons other nations possess or could manufacture.

Prof. Oliphant echoed many of his colleagues when he told a radio audience: " Practically any industrial nation the size of Belgium or bigger could learn how to make an atomic bomb in a comparatively short time. If they are willing to devote the effort to it."

Prof. Albert Einstein has repeatedly warned: "It is useless to attempt to prepare for protection against atomic war. There is no defense now and we can expect none."

Most people hope that the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission will arrive at a workable plan to internationalise raw materials before nations fearing atomic obliteration, seek to assure by violent means their own supplies of the world's most violent substance.

Fortunately, the three Great Powers—the United States, Russia and Britain—each have enough uranium and thorium for the foreseeable future. Until the world's entire mineral resources are found, the "colonial grant"—to take over a uranium-rich territory and so to eliminate the possibility of another state getting it seems unlikely.

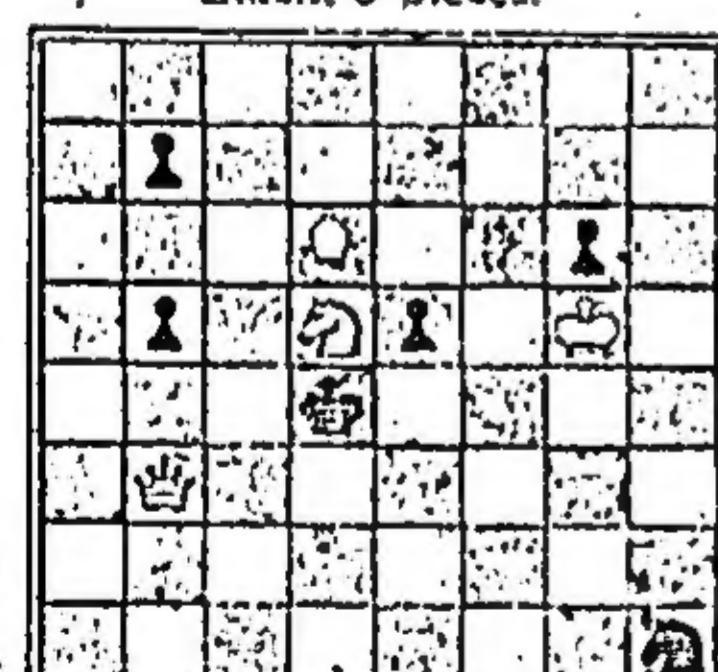
CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—
Across: 1 and 10 Down. Ham-
mond Heath; 8. Ample; 9. Arch; 11.
Ritual; 13. Cup; 15. Kit; 16. Oyster;
17. Nest; 19. Nut; 22. Gnome; 24.
Zero; 25. Stars; 26. Eastwards.
Down: 1. Harmonize; 2. Asphyx; 3.
Plum; 4. San; 5. Taunt; 6. Acute; 10.
See 1. Across; 12. Tasters; 13.
Cinema; 14. Teens; 19. Area; 20.
Rota; 21. Herd; 22. Got; 23. Ass;

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. PILNACEK

Black, 6 pieces.



ARE YOU SURE?

ANSWERS

Questions on Page 9

- Adoption by Congress of the Declaration of Independence. 2. Rivers. Palaeontology is the scientific study of rivers. 3. Salvation Army. Boy Scouts. Church Army. 4. Ad-doraa. 5. Four feet in front of wicket. 6. Australian (south coast). 7. Rowland Hill. 8. Yes. None has a voice. 9. the mole. 10. Smoke it. Calumet is a ceremonial pipe.

Rupert and the Young Imp—52

The story of Rupert's adventure took place around the village, but one thing was still hard to bear about it, so that he grew almost tired of repeating it. Pong-Pong and Lily Duckling and the Rabbit twins are very anxious of Bill and Peggy who shared parts of the adventure. Rupert takes them into the orchard where they all play with Uncle Bruno's rackets, but though the shuttlecock often goes into a tree it never again comes down with a young imp inside it.

THE END

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Follow Rupert's new adventure, beginning on Monday in the Telegraph

John Pudney

GUEST BOOK CRITIC

"The Slaves of Solitude," by Patrick Hamilton (Constable, 9s. 6d.)

HIS book is about Britain: it evokes lonely aunts—and what are more British, more solitary and more formally intimate, with your conscience than lonely aunts?

What a nagger, though, is this Patrick Hamilton, with his wincing portraits of the drab, the unsuccessful, the half-hearted, the dis-spirited, the mediocre, all those literary bruisers which linger in the reader's memory!

The talent of which he is master presents an image in a cracked mirror, a back view of ourselves in a queue, an unflattering profile after an over-enthusiastic encounter with too-weak beer or with over-starched food. Do we want to see this portrait of ourselves, this seamy side of a civilisation which we already find too seamy?

With a less skilful writer, the setting of teedium in a tedious boarding house in a riverside resort in the winter, at a sufficiently drab period of our history when engaged in noble battles, shrouded by black-out and welcoming Americans, would be to invite the reader to share a sorry experience of which altogether too much is known at first hand.

Again, without the skill of Dickens, could be equally sorry and drab. These scenes of solitude and of timid and spiteful encounters among spinsters of both sexes, however, glow with a bizarre lustre. Here, for example, is a portrait of the R.A.F. rank of an airman (well-meaning masters do it to all of us sooner or later).

"Well known to those who knew the river well, and, owing to its position or some obscure tradition, singled out as the rendezvous of the well-to-do in the town itself, it had a style of its own, and to be heard of drinking in there is not altogether the same thing as to be heard of drinking elsewhere. In almost every country town nowadays there is a house, or more than one house, of this sort."

Shall we wince a little and go a few pages on—

"This, about five years ago, had

been redecorated by a new pro-

prietor, and in such a startling

manner as to give the impression

of having been redecorated only

yesterday—in fact, it would prob-

ably, as numerous saloon lounges

all over the country do, bear per-

manently the stamp of redecora-

tion."

"The house being Elizabethan in

origin, a curious aim at an Eliza-

bethan manner had been made in

the way of black beams, wooden

panelling, uncomfortable black

chairs and tables, odd pieces of

armour, suspended swords, and

most indecipherable Gothic let-

tering over the doors. But upon this

is a Scottish atmosphere had been imposed."

To add to the confusion, and in destruction of the other illusions, there were two electric ball-machines (one representing

the sport of racing-motoring, and the other of the

sport of skiing); a glass-enclosed

machine, which was by natural law

capable of extracting cameras,

watches and wallets, but which

in historical practice brought forth

nothing save one or two hard,

pea-like sweets to console the

operator; several green-leather,

chromium-plated high stools along

the bar, and a modest green

carpet with whom's initials one

in mind of sea-sickness?"

Just up the road from this his

seem dwell the paraphernalia of

pedlars and meanness created by

Patrick Hamilton with all the

weapons of sensibility, humour and

irony. It is a British under-world, not I hasten to add, criminal, but

one which lies upon the fringes of

the experience of all of us, shadowed

by an aspidistra or two.

THE END

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THAT NEW GIRL
INVITED SLUGGO
TO HER HOUSE
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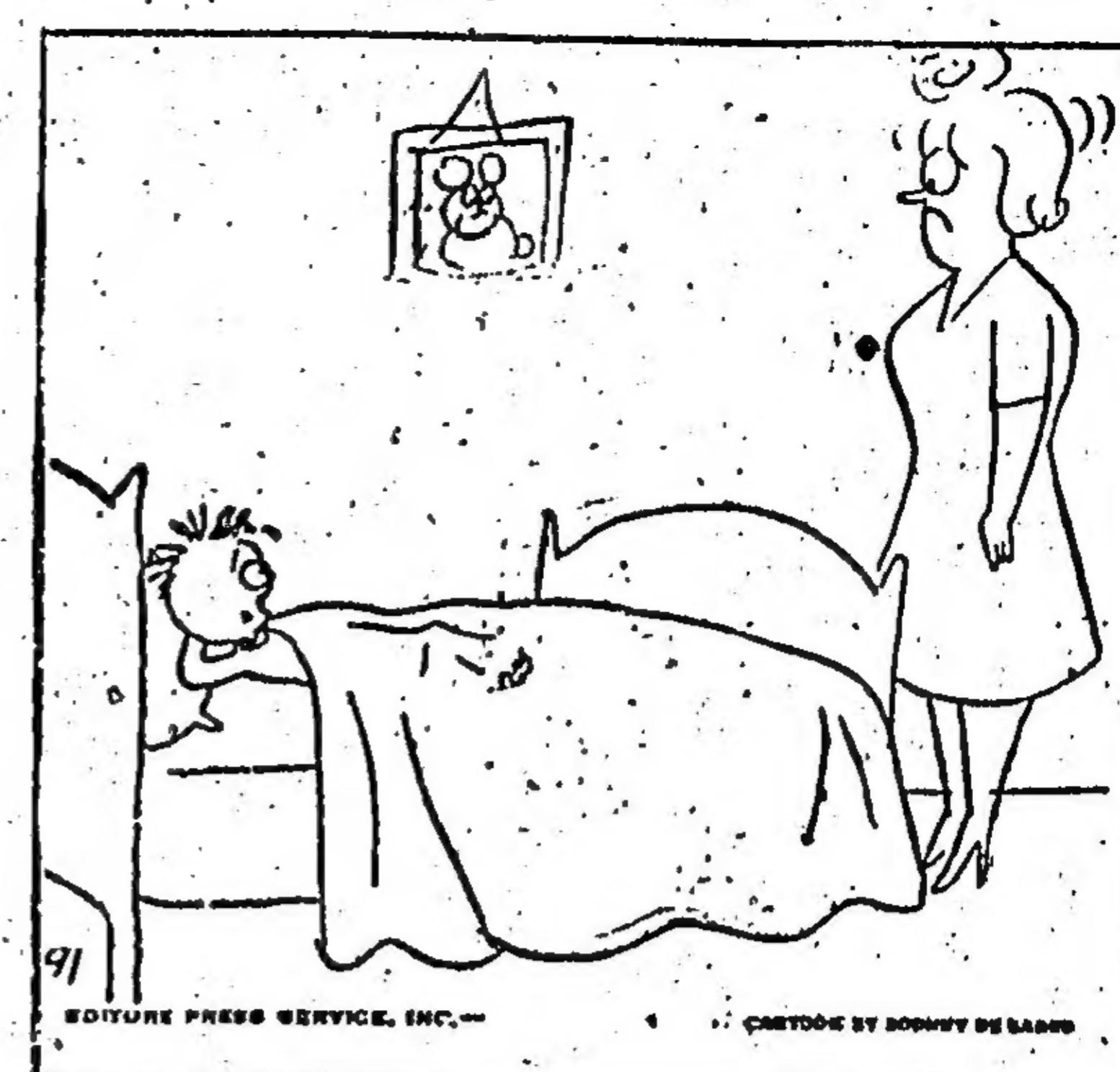
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"Tell me more about this bogey man that'll get me. Is he capable of interstellar flight, or is he earthbound?"

JESTS AND JEERS

It is so cold in Russia that the only thing that enjoys good circulation is propaganda.

A good line is the shortest distance between two dates.

A clever man tells a woman he understands her; a stupid one tries to prove it.

Neatly engraved card displayed in a Hollywood jewellery store bore this inscription: "Wedding Ring For Hire."

Overheard at the cocktail party: "He hasn't proposed yet, but his voice has an engagement ring to it."

Then there was the clever can that ate cheese and breathed down the rat hole with baited breath.

Wives should remember that when a husband's words appear sharp, it may be because it's trying to get them in edgeways.

She was an innocent appearing wide-eyed girl as she sat in the witness stand explaining that she had been driving without licence, disobeying traffic signals and speeding.

Even the bearded Judge took fatherly interest in her and decided to be lenient.

"Now, my dear," he said, "I'm inclined to believe you, but I want to make sure. Do you know what happens to people who tell lies in court?"

"Yes, your worship. My lawyer told me all about it."

"What did he tell you would happen if you told a lie?"

"Well, he said we might win the case."

Priestley breaks the rules

BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP ON THE THEATRE

characters than two: Mr Livesey obligingly and hilariously plays the part of Rosemary's father, Rosemary's elderly admirer, and Paul's shady City friend. Likewise, Ursula Jeans plays Paul's mother, Rosemary's spiritualist friend, and Paul's rich seductress.

If it's laughter you're after, as Mr Trinder would say, I commend the seduction scene between Rosemary and her ungallant major, and the heart-to-heart talk between Rosemary's father and flared-up about the funniest things in town.

This piece breaks all the rules and about time! It has wit, audacity and beauty as well as some slovenly longeurs which ought to be tidied up. For the adventurous theatre-goer I heartily command Priestley the reformer, even if he is still anxious to show us that he is a bit of a lad.

It was announced from the stage that Mr Priestley had just become a grandfather, which may account for the rejuvenation that we saw on the stage. Compared to some of his recent efforts, this new production shows our author like the lively old gentleman in the liver salts advertisement who was always jumping over a stile.

It has come to the Savoy. It is still enjoyable, although lacking, perhaps, the three essentials for complete success here—an American cast, an American audience and the American language.

Miss Sophie Stewart is quite irreducible as the obedient wife who always has her own way, but Mr Leslie Banks lacks the wooden-headedness of the husband who insists on everything being done, to suit himself.

The correct thing is that Mr Banks is too good an actor for the part—too sensitive and too intelligent.

Springfields will be used for the manufacture of uranium metal. The processes to be carried out there will consist of the refining of pitchblende concentrates, reduction to metal and the machining and finishing of uranium metal rods which will be sent elsewhere for insertion in a chain-reacting pile.

Boys and girls who are taking chemistry in their school leaving examinations will be invited to take part in the work at Springfields.

Analytical Work

A JOLSON that is remarkable for its enjoyment comes again this month with "Gold Diggers," here I come" (which he does as if he meant it), and "Rock-a-bye baby, won't Dixie come?" Mr. Jolson will sing with the gusto that made him popular in the early days of talking films; he does not try to foist his style on to the general discussions.

Then we have Roger Livesey in his best form, which comes from Donald Wolf to Sid Field, and his stage wife (who is also his real one), Ursula Jeans, who is all women in one. They are a divorced couple on a basis of amicable relations. They talk about marriage; so do the others. Everybody talks about marriage, for this is what the play is about. Now and then they stop talking to each other and talk to the general discussions.

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Mr. Crosby can still sing. It is one of the most pleasant records we have had from him for some time. And it reminds me of his work some years before the war. (Brunswick 03753.)

Experience on the vox does encourage the entrancing record by Mr. Jolson. Mr. Jolson's singing in his lens of thousands and Mr. Crosby's well, well, be it selling show-off, East Side.

In chemical analytical work, the young assistants will be encouraged to take courses in fundamental science and subjects designed to qualify them for the more responsible duties of the assistant class or for promotion to the experimental officer class. Permanent appointments will eventually be filled by open competition. It is anticipated that about 40 students will attend each of the two courses to be held this year.

Robert Tramnick.

When You Feel Tired and Restless

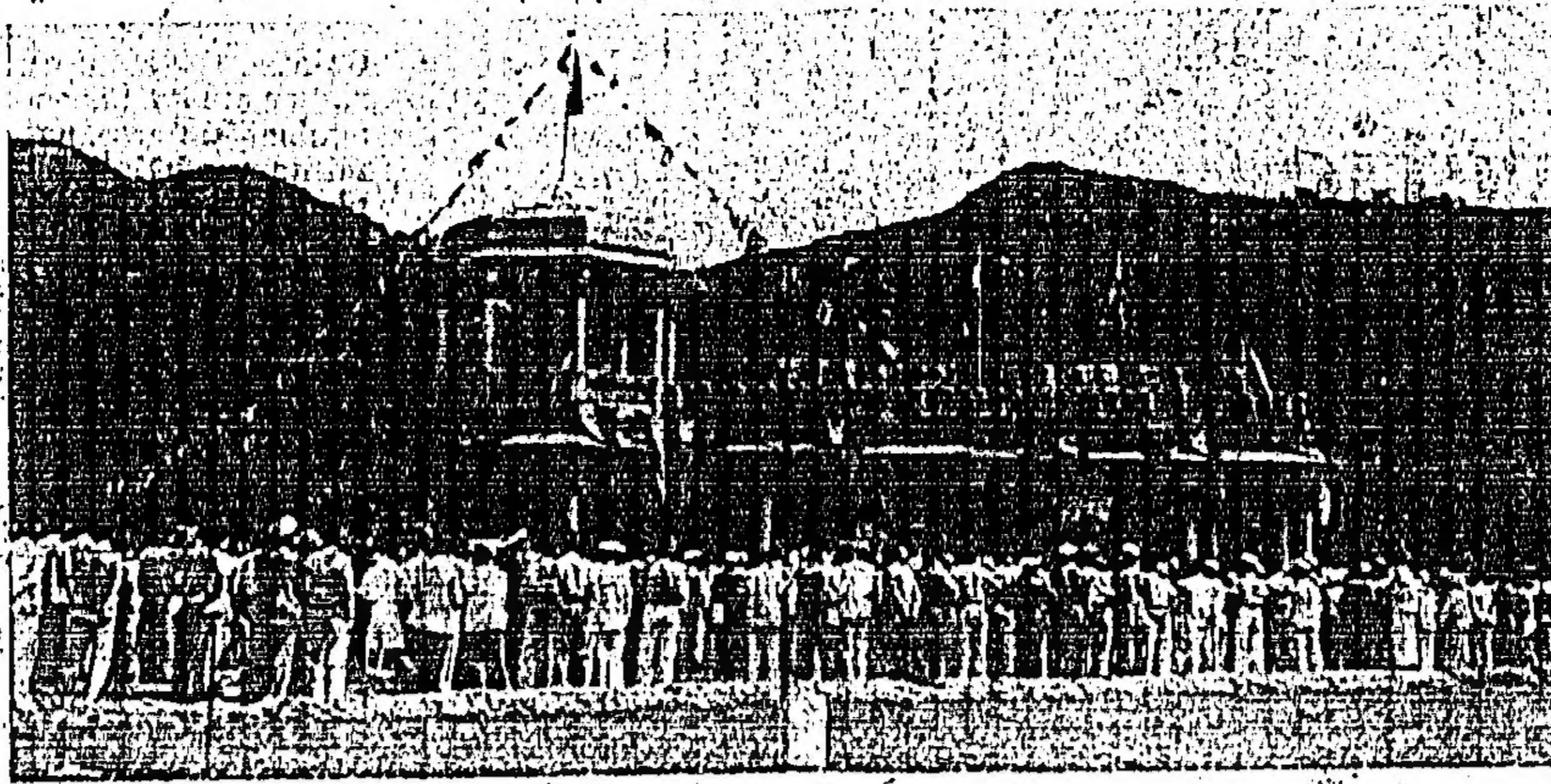
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TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



CATHEDRAL WEDDING—Mr and Mrs Nigel H. Hill, who were married last Saturday at St John's Cathedral, photographed with their attendants after the ceremony. The bride was formerly Miss Dorothy Moss. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



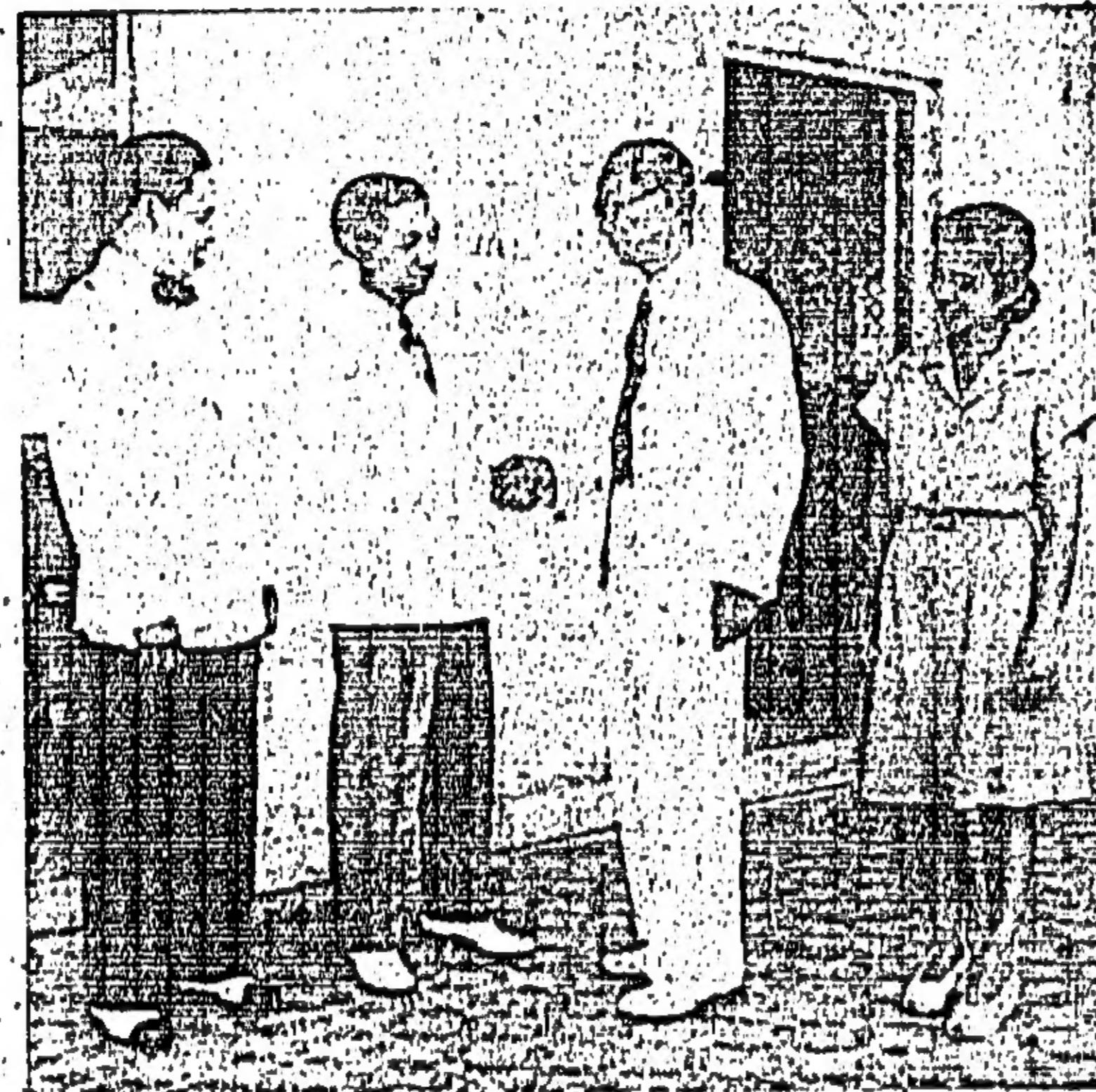
THE INDIAN COMMUNITY of Hongkong, comprising all sections, celebrated the inauguration of the Dominions of India and Pakistan on August 15 with a garden party at the Indian Recreation Club. Top picture gives an idea of the large crowd present; on the right is Mr H. T. Barma, secretary of the Independence Celebration Committee. (Photos: Ming Yuen)



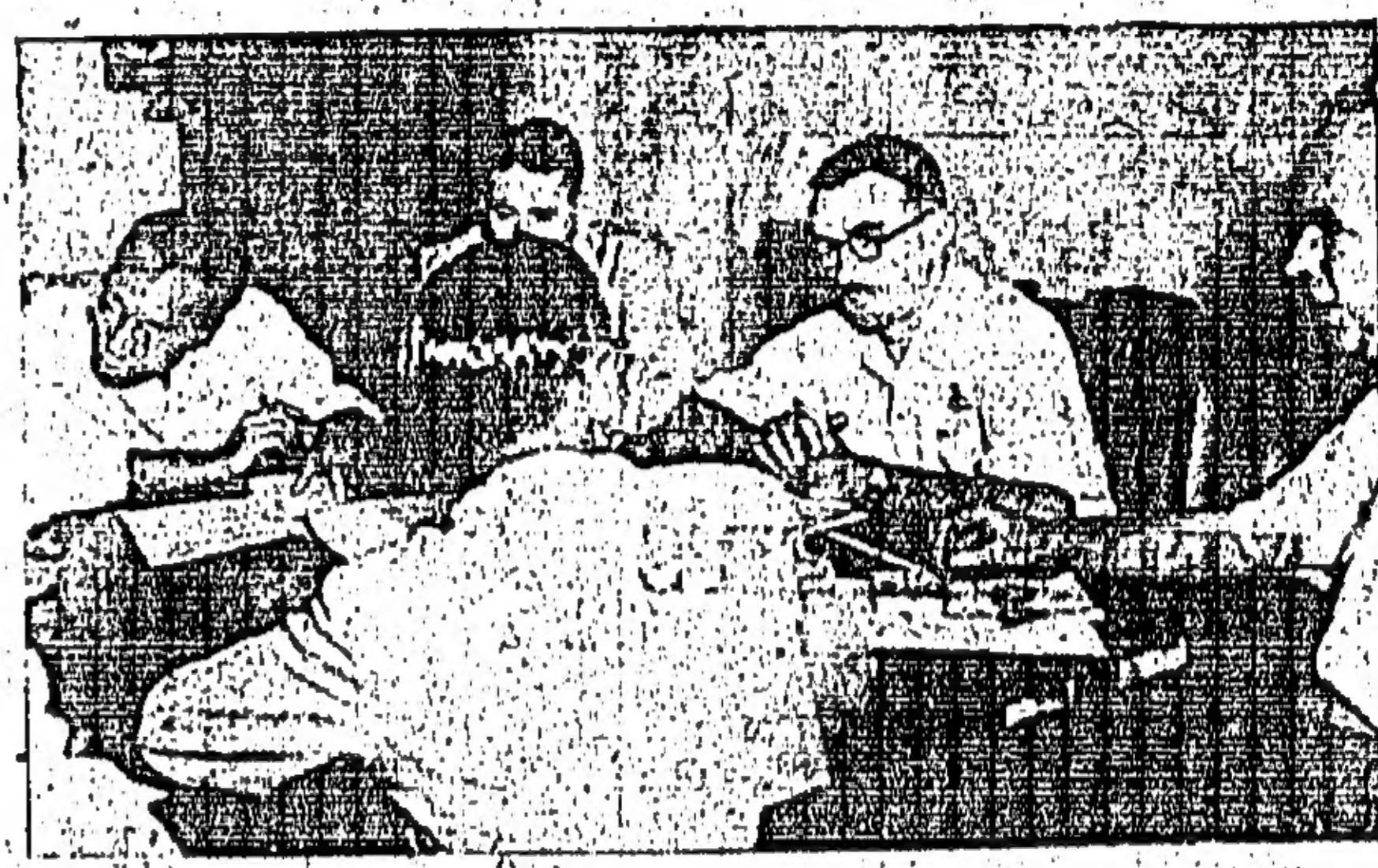
HONGKONG'S representatives to the Southeast Asia International Social Welfare Conference currently being held in Singapore—left to right: Mr G. N. Li, Relief Officer, Medical Department; Miss Scott Moncrieff, Secretary of the Hongkong Social Welfare Council; Miss Watson, Almoner, Medical Department. Picture was taken before they left by BOAC plane last week. (Photo: Mayfair Studio)



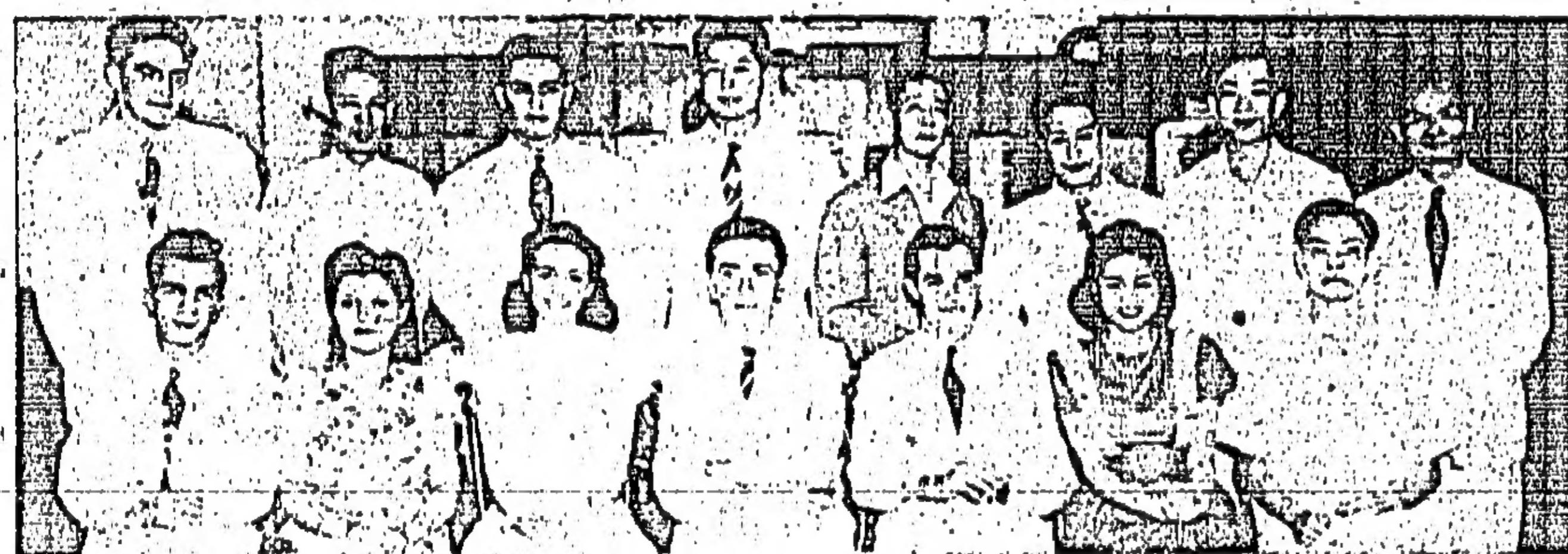
PICTURE taken after the christening at St John's Cathedral last Sunday of Peter Anthony Kerr, infant son of Mr and Mrs L. P. Haynes. (Photo: Mo Cheung)



THE PRESIDENT of the Filipino Club, Dr. V. N. Atienza (second from right), greeting the Philippines Vice-Consul, Mr Bojana, at the latter's new office at King's Park. (Photo: Victor Studio)



THE COMMISSIONER of Inland Revenue, Mr E. W. Pudney (second from right), seen with reporters at his press conference last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



REUNION—At left, staff of the Optorg Company (Malaya) Ltd., who held a reunion dinner recently at the Kam Ling Restaurant. (Photo: Golden Studio)



PRIZES for the year were distributed at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Monday. There was a large attendance of members and friends, including HE the Governor and Lady Grantham. Sir Alexander is seen in the right-hand picture conversing with Mr H. Owen Hughes and a guest. Above left: Miss Joan Mitchell giving away the prizes. (Photos: Ming Yuen)

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A HAPPY cosmopolitan party that attended the VJ-Day dance at the Cosmo Club. Left to right:—Mr A. R. H. Esmail, Mr Francis Zimmern, Mr W. K. Choa, Mr and Mrs R. H. Lobo, Mr and Mrs Li Po and Mr Peter Eardley. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB held another successful cocktail party and dance last Saturday. The Clubhouse is now fully rehabilitated, and a series of social functions is being arranged. (Photo: Francis Wu)

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Unrealistic Trade Charter

Geneva, Aug. 22.—Mr Wunsz King, head of the Chinese delegation, said at the International Trade Conference here today, when the draft world trade charter was considered, that the time had come "for some plain speaking on the charter."

Mr Wunsz King said it was an excellent idea to make the charter broad enough to accommodate the divergent views, but he found it "difficult to understand how the maintenance of some of the existing trade barriers is to be tolerated on realistic grounds, when, in the same breath, all future restrictive measures of a similar character are to be discharged or prohibited altogether."

After referring to China's adverse balance of payments and the delay in implementing her reconstruction plan, Mr Wunsz King said that China "would like to have the opportunity of examining more carefully those provisions of the draft charter which might increase instead of mitigating her present difficulties".

He was speaking at the plenary session of the Preparatory Committee to which the draft charter was being submitted for adoption prior to presentation to the World Trade Conference at Havana in November.

The chairman, M. Max Suetens, (Belgium) said there would be complete freedom of discussion at the world conference but he hoped it would not introduce "appreciable alterations" in the text.—Reuter.

WEDEMEYER'S SEARCH

New York, Aug. 22.—The New York Herald-Tribune's editorial today said there seems little doubt that Gen Wedemeyer is still seeking what American representatives in China have sought so long—the creation of a national government Washington could support with enthusiasm instead of extreme reluctance."

The editorial added: "China's best officials are able men of unquestionable integrity, there still are far too many scoundrels in power. Unless there is a marked change in this picture, it would be difficult for any well-informed American in China to recommend large-scale assistance for the Chinese Government—regardless of the dislike of Americans for the Communist opponents of the Generalissimo and regardless of the long standing tendency of this country to be pro-Chinese."—United Press.

Letters To The Editor

"Our Radio Stations"

Sir.—Your comment on "Our Radio Stations" deserves eulogy. It was pertinent and timely criticism. What passes as music over the air would "make the angels weep" and mortals moan. How some of these alleged "artists" ever obtained admission into a studio alone passes one's comprehension. And yet—there is real talent in England, Scotland and Wales even today.

G. T. L.

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Sunday, 8 p.m. Gospel Meeting.

Thursday, 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Special speakers and friends are welcome.

Five Nations In Race For Antarctic

Cambridge, Aug. 22.—Five nations will send expeditions to the Antarctic this year, according to a United Press survey. Two other countries are considering to send exploration groups south, and an additional two are working on major expeditions for the following season.

U.S. DETAILS CHINESE G.I. WIVES

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—The American Civil Liberties Union today charged that Chinese wives and children of American war veterans had been held incommunicado for months by the immigration authorities, and asked Attorney-General Tom C. Clark for immediate investigation.

The Union said husbands had not been permitted to see their wives and children since their arrival on July 3.

The Chief of the Immigration District Legal Division admitted the situation.

It "looks bad," he said but explained that his office was short-staffed and was "constantly trying" to process immigrants as fast as possible."

He said at present there were about 150 Chinese, including 30 children, detained, most of whom claim dependence on veterans. About 600 arrive monthly, he said, and cases were complicated by lack of marriage and birth records in China.—United Press.

JAPAN SILK OUTPUT UP

Tokyo, Aug. 22.—The production of silk has expanded from approximately 2,000 bales in January 1946, to approximately 10,000 bales monthly during the first half of 1947. Mr Robert A. Hickerson, chief of the silk branch of the Textile Division of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section, said.

He said fabric production climbed to 4,000,000 yards monthly compared with production levels of 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 yards monthly during most of 1946.

Mr Hickerson pointed out the pre-war production of raw silk reached 60,000 bales monthly in peak years, while the production of silk fabrics averaged about 40,000,000 yards monthly.

These figures were revealed as SCAP announced the transfer of its controls over silk to the Japanese Government through the removal of the "freeze" ordered at the beginning of the occupation in September 1945.

Japanese authorities will now determine disposition to both the export and domestic markets of all stockpiles and the production of raw and mixed silk and their products or any other forms of silk.—United Press.

America's New Strategy

Lake Success, Aug. 22.—The United States will fight the major phase of its global diplomatic duel with Russia at the impending meeting of the General Assembly, an authoritative American source said today.

The strategy will be to try to transfer United Nations power from the Security Council, where Russia is protected by veto, to the General Assembly where present world balance gives the West an almost perpetual two-thirds majority.

One by one, American diplomats and their supporters are switching deadlocked issues from the Council to the Assembly.

American sources said United States inability to get past veto cases like the Balkans turmoil was the reason for increased American reliance on the Assembly, which can serve as a powerful influence on international politics despite its inability to do more than recommended.—United Press.

AUSTRALIA AND THE VETO

Lake Success, N.Y., Aug. 22.—Australia, leading critic of the alleged misuse of the Big Power veto in the Security Council, today formally submitted for inclusion in the General Assembly a supplementary agenda a request that the previous Assembly resolution on the veto question be reviewed.

The Australian request also asked the General Assembly—which meets at Flushing Meadows on September 10—to review the "extent to which the recommendations contained in the resolution have been carried out."

The small-nations' attack on the Security Council veto threatens to become a major issue at the Assembly meeting, following the Soviet vetoes this week.—Reuter.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



American Programme In Korea

Washington, Aug. 22.—The United States has virtually abandoned all hope of settling the dispute with Russia in Korea, and is rushing plans to bolster the economy of the American occupied zone as the only recourse left to combat Soviet delays in the unification of the country, it was learned today.

Officials said the temper of the economy minded 80th Congress, coupled with a faint hope that an agreement on Korea could be worked out with Russia, caused a postponement of the multi-million dollar Korean reconstruction programme, but Moscow's failure to reply to Secretary of State George Marshall's request for a report on the stalemate U.S.-Soviet negotiations had made the issue "crystal clear."

They said the Administration would speed plans to present to Congress early next year Korean programme which may cost up to \$100,000,000 in the first year.

The sources also indicated that the Army's \$137,000,000 Korean occupation budget for the current fiscal year might be increased, pending Congressional action on additional assistance to Korea.

Meanwhile, it is learned that a search is under way for a top-flight civilian to take over direction of the United States zone from the military.—United Press.

FLOUR FOR GREECE

Athens, Aug. 22.—Greek and American officials welcomed a cargo of flour, representing the first post-UNRRA relief shipment, in a ceremony at a dock at Piraeus today.

Seven Parties

Britain has seven parties, totalling some 30 men, working in the Graham Land sector, and these parties will be reinforced this year.

The Chileans have one party, at Deception Island, and Argentina's one at La Plata Island, in the South Orkneys, both in the Graham Land sector.

The Americans have a party under Lieut. Comdr. Flinn Ronne adjacent to a British group at Marguerite Bay, Graham Land.

Ronne will probably return to the United States about mid-March, and the Chilean and Argentine parties may be relieved, or the personnel changed, this season.

The Australians, launching a five-year-plan of Antarctic exploration in their huge sectors of the continent—largest holdings of any nation—will establish a base on Macquarie Island this season and one on the continent the following season.

This year's expedition, under Group Captain Stuart Campbell, will make reconnaissance flights to Antarctica. A five-month sea voyage will test the pack ice off the coast preparatory to next year's major undertakings.

He said he was convinced Amer-

ican aid would enable the Greeks to "heal the wounds of war, enemy occupation and Communistic rebellion".

Mr Dwight Griswold, of the American mission, meanwhile an-

nounced that foreign trade ad-

ministration for close control of exports and imports had been es-

tablished, comprising three Greeks

and two members of the mission,

Philip McGuire and John Howard.

The military authorities reported

that guerrillas last night attacked Avanda, 60 kilometres from Alexan-

droupolis, near the Turkish border,

but the Army drove them off.

United Press.

New Zealand expedition, if it materialises, will go to the Ross Dependency which includes the Ross Sea and Ross Ice Barrier, all of which is claimed by New Zealand. A South African expedition also has been discussed and, if sent out, would make for Enderby Land, on Van Schewen Land. The South Africans have formed an Antarctic Research Committee, and are interested in joining the British-Scandinavian expedition in 1948-50.

Assembly Summoned

Sofia, Aug. 22.—An extraordinary session of the Bulgarian Grand National Assembly, which was adjourned on June 20 for the summer vacation until September 10, has been summoned for next Sunday, Aug. 23, it was officially announced here today.

The small-nations' attack on the Security Council veto threatens to

become a major issue at the Assem-

ly meeting.

The announcement did not men-

tion the nature of the agenda.

Reuter.

Indonesia Disclaims Acts Of Terrorism

Jogjakarta, Aug. 22.—In an official memorandum to the Chinese Government, the Republic of Indonesia disclaims all responsibility for acts of aggression and terrorism committed against Chinese nationals after the Republican civil and military administrations have been withdrawn from certain places, especially when such places are "in the enemy hands."

The memorandum, according to the Indonesian news agency Ananta, said the best guarantee of safety for Chinese and people of Chinese descent would be the sending of an official Chinese Government representative.

It will be recalled that the Chinese Consul-General at Batavia, Mr Tsang Tung, proposed to the Republican Government the formation of a Chinese security corps in Republican territory to protect the Chinese population. The proposal, however, was rejected.—United Press.

Forcibly Evacuated

Batavia, Aug. 22.—A Chinese who managed to escape from Pangkalan Brandan (on the northeast coast of Sumatra), a town recently looted and subjected to Indonesian scorched earth policy, reported that the whole Chinese population of the town was forcibly evacuated to Langsa, 60 miles further to the northwest.

According to the Ananta agency, the escapee reported that oilfields in the neighbourhood of Pangkalan Brandan were still burning in some places. A band of 300 Indonesian irregulars had the town under strictest control.—United Press.

Now Residency

Jogjakarta, Aug. 22.—The Dutch news agency, Aneta, quoted Jogjakarta Radio as announcing today the creation of the Soerakarta Residency in military territory under the jurisdiction of the Republican Minister of State Wikana, who has been appointed military governor with the title of Lieutenant-General.

Britain submitted a similar demand.

Petkov was convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the Communist-dominated government. No date was announced for his execution.—United Press.

THEY'RE OFF TO HAMBURG

Paris, Aug. 22.—The three British frigates weighed anchor off Port Bouc, South France, at 5.20 p.m. GMT today—20 minutes after the expiration of the landing ultimatum to the 4,500 Jewish Exodus immigrants aboard—and sailed for Hamburg, according to reports here.

Last-minute attempts were made to persuade the British Government to change its mind.

The refugees on board one of the ships, the Runnymede Park, addressed an appeal to President Truman asking him to intervene.—Reuter.

Police Reserve

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders No. 23 of 1947.

Charge-room Duties: Members of No. 2 Company; as detailed by their Company Commander with regard to Charge Room Duties, or as directed: Dress: Uniform.

Search Party Duties: Members of No. 2 Company; as detailed by their Company Commander with regard to Search Station Duties, or in their Warning Notices.

Search Party Duty: Members detailed must report fifteen minutes before the hour of commencement of duty to the officer-in-charge of the party.

Dress: Uniform.

Drill Parades: Members of No. 3 Company and the ILCP. Drill will be held in Parade Ground for instruction in drill. Time and date will be posted up at the Headquarters and Club.

Hand Practice: Members of ILCP.

ILCP: When will be held: 11.30 a.m. Indoors every Wednesday and Sunday at 18.00 hours and 21.00 hours respectively for Hand Practice under Mr. A. W. Apple (Hand Practice).

Identification Cards: Identification Cards are now ready for members of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies. Members are requested to apply personally or through Mr. W. Young (Secretary) at the Headquarters. They are also requested to return their "Temporary Identification Card" in exchange for this new card. This card will be issued as from Monday, 22nd August.

Revolver Shooting: All members of the ILCP. Force who have failed to attend the revolver shooting course will be fined £1 per shot missed plus the cost of the course.

Chin Ching: Chin Ching will be in charge. Strict range discipline must be maintained. No private revolver will be allowed at the firing range.

Appointments: C.I. (R). Teo Chi On will be appointed as Officer-in-charge of No. 3 Company in concurrence to his post as C.I. (R) Headquarters as from 6th August, 1947.

BY ORDER
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OUTWARD MAIIS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles are packed post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail will close at 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 9 a.m. on previous day.

Macau, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 1 p.m.

Saigon and Marseilles (Sea) 3 p.m.

Manila, P.I. (Ceylon, India, East and South Africa) 3 p.m.

At 10 a.m. via Tokio (Sea) Noon.

Singapore, Canton and Kwollin (Air) 2.30 p.m.

Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.

Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.